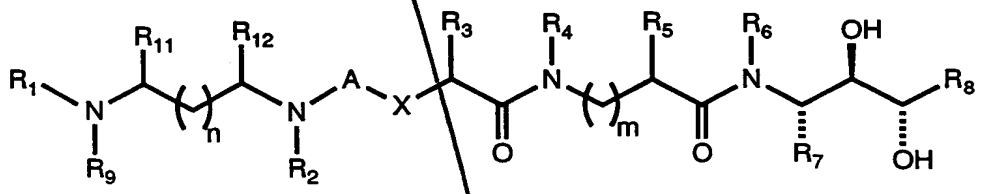
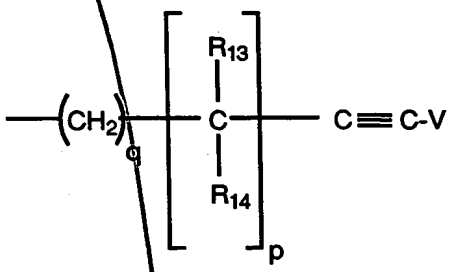
What Is Claimed Is:

1. A compound of Formula I:



(I)

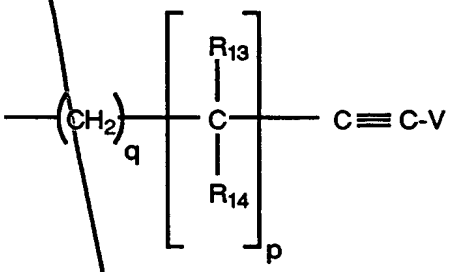
wherein A is selected from methylene, CO, SO and SO_2; wherein X is selected from oxygen atom, methylene and $>NR_{10}$ with R_{10} selected from hydrido, alkyl and benzyl; wherein each of R_1 and R_9 is a group independently selected from hydrido, alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkoxyacyl, haloalkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, benzyloxycarbonyl, loweralkanoyl, haloalkylacyl, phenyl, benzyl, naphthyl, and naphthylmethyl, any one of which groups having a substitutable position may be optionally substituted with one or more radicals selected from alkyl, alkoxy, alkenyl, alkynyl, halo, haloalkyl, cyano and phenyl, and wherein the nitrogen atom to which R_1 and R_9 are attached may be combined with oxygen to form an N-oxide; wherein R_2 is selected from hydrido, alkyl, dialkylaminoalkyl, alkylacylaminoalkyl, benzyl and cycloalkyl; wherein R_3 is selected from alkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, acylaminoalkyl, phenylalkyl, naphthylmethyl, aryl, heterocyclicalkyl and heterocycliccycloalkyl, wherein the cyclic portion of any of said phenylalkyl, naphthylmethyl, aryl, heterocyclicalkyl and heterocyclicdycloalkyl groups may be substituted by one or more radicals selected from halo, hydroxy, alkoxy and alkyl; wherein each of R_4 and R_6 is independently selected from hydrido, alkyl, benzyl and cycloalkyl; wherein each of R_5 and R_8 is independently selected from



wherein V is selected from hydrido, alkyl, cycloalkyl, haloalkyl, benzyl and phenyl; wherein each of R_{13} and R_{14} is a radical independently selected from hydrido, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, phenyl, heterocyclic, heterocyclicalkyl and heterocycliccycloalkyl; wherein R_7 is selected from substituted or unsubstituted alkyl, cycloalkyl, phenyl, cycloalkylalkyl and phenylalkyl, any one of which may be substituted with one or more groups selected from alkyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, halo, haloalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl and cyano; wherein each of R_{11} and R_{12} is independently selected from hydrido, alkyl, haloalkyl, dialkylamino and phenyl; and wherein m is zero or one; wherein n is a number selected from zero through five; wherein p is a number selected from zero through five; and wherein q is a number selected from zero through five; or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

2. Compound of Claim 1 wherein A is selected from methylene, CO, SO and SO_2; wherein X is selected from oxygen atom, methylene and $>NR_{10}$ with R_{10} selected from hydrido, alkyl and benzyl; wherein each of R_1 and R_9 is independently selected from hydrido, lower alkyl, haloalkyl, cycloalkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, benzyloxycarbonyl, loweralkanoyl, alkoxyacyl, phenyl and benzyl, and wherein the nitrogen atom to which R_1 and R_9 are attached may be combined with oxygen to form an N-oxide; wherein each of R_2, R_4 and R_6 is independently selected from hydrido and alkyl; wherein R_3 is selected from phenylalkyl, naphthylmethyl, cyclohexylalkyl, cyclopentylalkyl,

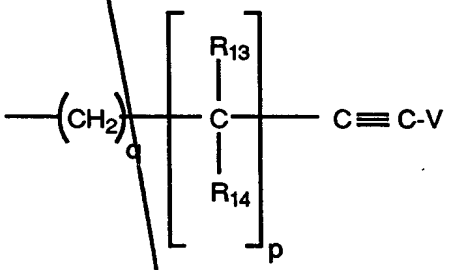
heteroarylalkyl and heteroarylcycloalkyl; wherein each of R_5 and R_8 is independently selected from



wherein V is selected from hydrido, alkyl, haloalkyl, benzyl and phenyl; wherein each of R_{13} and R_{14} is a radical independently selected from hydrido, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, heteroaryl, heteroarylalkyl and heteroarylcycloalkyl; wherein R_7 is selected from substituted or unsubstituted cyclohexylmethyl and benzyl, either one of which may be substituted with one or more groups selected from alkyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, halo and haloalkyl; wherein each of R_{11} and R_{12} is independently selected from hydrido, alkyl, dialkylamino and phenyl; wherein m is zero or one; wherein n is a number selected from zero through five; wherein p is a number selected from zero through five; and wherein q is a number selected from zero through five; or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

3. Compound of Claim 2 wherein A is selected from methylene, CO, SO and SO_2; wherein X is selected from oxygen atom, methylene and $>NR_{10}$ with R_{10} selected from hyrido, alkyl and benzyl; wherein each of R_1 and R_9 is independently selected from hydrido, alkyl, alkoxyacyl, haloalkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, benzyloxycarbonyl and benzyl, and wherein the nitrogen atom to which R_1 and R_9 are attached may be combined with oxygen to form an N-oxide; wherein each of R_2, R_4 and R_6 is independently selected from hydrido and alkyl; wherein R_3 is selected from benzyl, phenethyl, cyclohexylmethyl, phenpropyl, pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, pyrrolidinylmethyl,

piperidinylmethyl, pyrazolemethyl, pyrazoleethyl, pyridylmethyl, pyridylethyl, thiazolemethyl, thiazoleethyl, imidazolemethyl, imidazoleethyl, thienylmethyl, thienylethyl, furanylmethyl, furanylethyl, oxazolemethyl, oxazoleethyl, isoxazolemethyl, isoxazoleethyl, pyridazinemethyl, pyridazineethyl, pyrazinemethyl and pyrazineethyl; wherein each of R_5 and R_8 is independently selected from

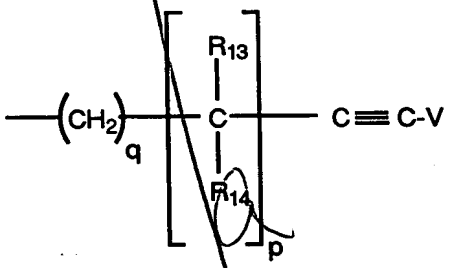


wherein V is selected from hydrido, alkyl and haloalkyl; wherein each of R_{13} and R_{14} is a radical independently selected from hydrido, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, thiazole and thiazolemethyl; wherein R_7 is cyclohexylmethyl; wherein each of R_{11} and R_{12} is independently selected from hydrido, alkyl, dialkylamino and phenyl; wherein m is zero or one; wherein n is a number selected from zero through five; wherein p is a number selected from zero through five; and wherein q is a number selected from zero through five; or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

4. Compound of Claim 3 wherein A is selected from CO and SO_2; wherein X is selected from oxygen atom, methylene and $>NR_{10}$ with R_{10} selected from hydrido and methyl; wherein each of R_1 and R_9 is independently selected from hydrido, lower alkyl, alkoxyacyl, alkoxycarbonyl, benzyloxycarbonyl, haloalkyl and benzyl, and wherein the nitrogen atom to which R_1 and R_9 are attached may be combined with oxygen to form an N-oxide; wherein R_2 is selected from hydrido, methyl, ethyl and isopropyl; wherein R_3 is selected from benzyl, phenethyl,

cyclohexylmethyl, pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, pyrrolidinylmethyl, piperidinylmethyl, pyrazolemethyl, pyrazoleethyl, pyridylmethyl, pyridylethyl, thiazolemethyl, thiazoleethyl, imidazolemethyl, imidazoleethyl, thienylmethyl, thienylethyl, furanylmethyl, furanylethyl, oxazolemethyl, oxazoleethyl, isoxazolemethyl, isoxazoleethyl, pyridazinemethyl, pyridazineethyl, pyrazinemethyl and pyrazineethyl;

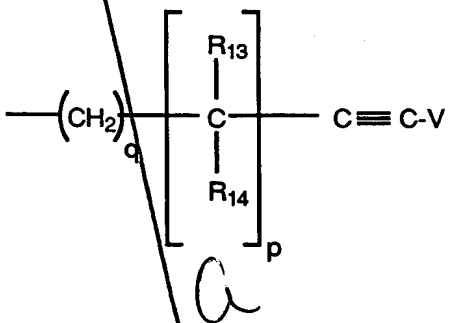
wherein each of R_4 and R_6 is independently selected from hydrido and methyl; wherein each of R_5 and R_8 is independently selected from



wherein V is selected from hydrido, alkyl and trifluoromethyl; wherein each of R_{13} and R_{14} is a radical independently selected from hydrido, alkyl and alkynyl; wherein R_7 is cyclohexylmethyl; wherein each of R_{11} and R_{12} is independently selected from hydrido, alkyl, dialkylamino and phenyl; wherein m is zero; wherein n is a number selected from zero through five; wherein p is a number selected from zero through five; and wherein q is a number selected from zero through five; or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

5. Compound of Claim 4 wherein A is selected from CO and SO_2; wherein X is selected from oxygen atom and methylene; wherein each of R_1 and R_9 is independently selected from hydrido, methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, benzyl, b, b, b-trifluoroethyl, t-butyloxycarbonyl and methoxymethylcarbonyl, and wherein the nitrogen atom to which R_1 and R_9 are attached may be combined with oxygen

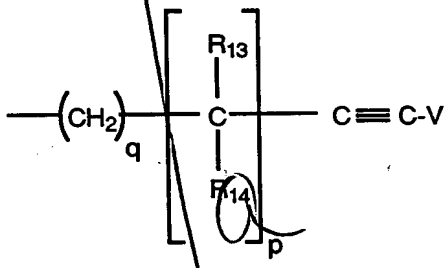
to form an N-oxide; wherein R_2 is selected from hydrido, methyl, ethyl and isopropyl; wherein R_3 is selected from benzyl, cyclohexylmethyl, phenethyl, pyrazolemethyl, pyrazoleethyl, pyridylmethyl, pyridylethyl, thiazolemethyl, thiazoleethyl, imidazolemethyl, imidazoleethyl, thienylmethyl, thienylethyl, furanylmethyl, furanylethyl, oxazolemethyl, oxazoleethyl, isoxazolemethyl, isoxazoleethyl, pyridazinemethyl, pyridazineethyl, pyrazinemethyl and pyrazineethyl; wherein each of R_5 and R_8 is independently selected from



wherein V is selected from hydrido, alkyl and trifluoromethyl; wherein each of R_{13} and R_{14} is a radical independently selected from hydrido, methyl, ethyl, propyl and ethynyl; wherein R_7 is cyclohexylmethyl; wherein each of R_4 and R_6 is independently selected from hydrido and methyl; wherein each of R_{11} and R_{12} is independently selected from hydrido, alkyl, dialkylamino and phenyl; wherein m is zero; wherein n is a number selected from zero through five; wherein p is a number selected from zero through five; and wherein q is a number selected from zero through five; or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

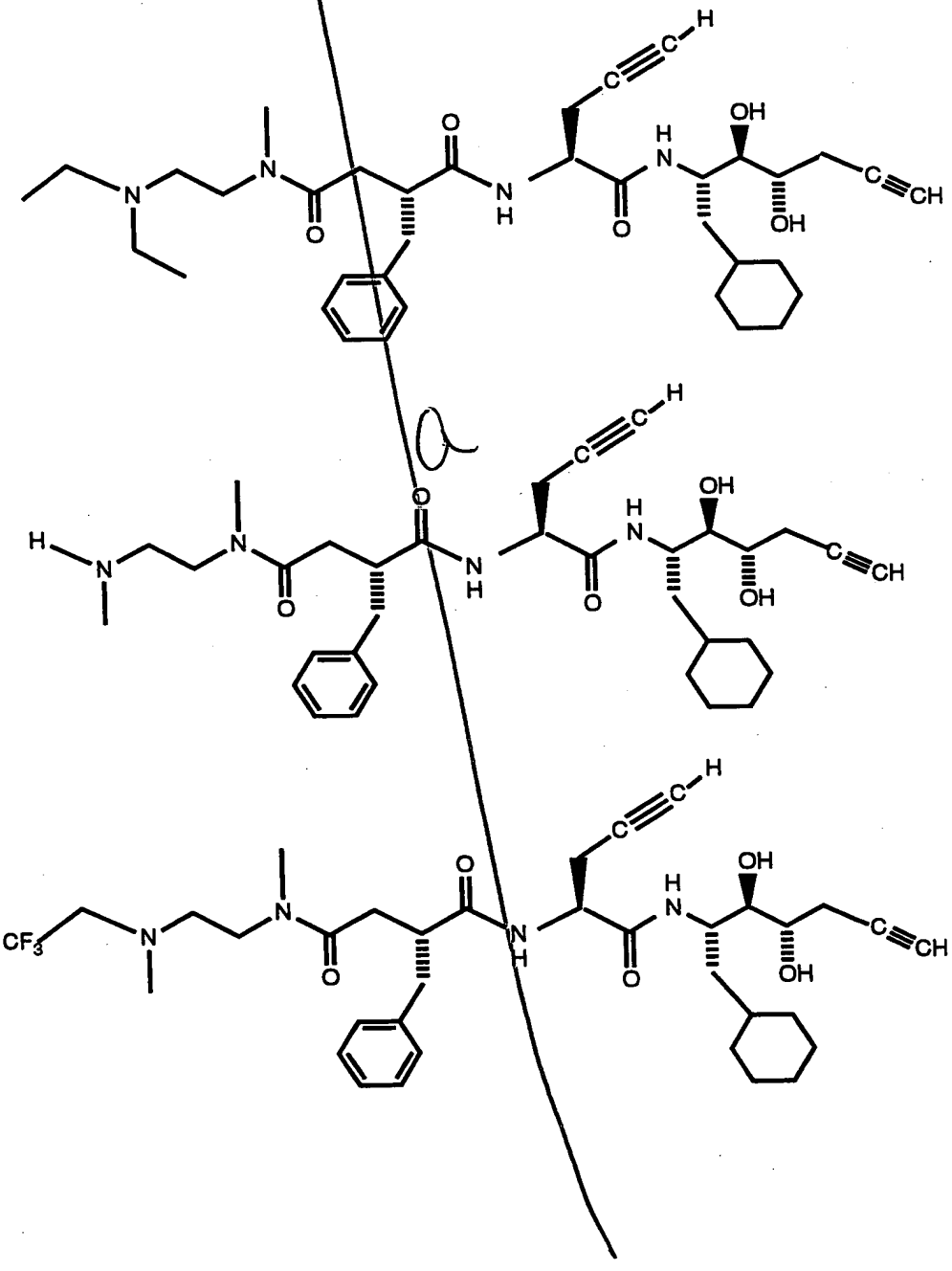
6. Compound of Claim 5 wherein A is selected from CO and SO_2; wherein X is selected from oxygen atom and methylene; wherein each of R_1 and R_9 is a group independently selected from hydrido, methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, benzyl, b, b, b-trifluoroethyl, t-butyloxycarbonyl and methoxymethylcarbonyl, and wherein

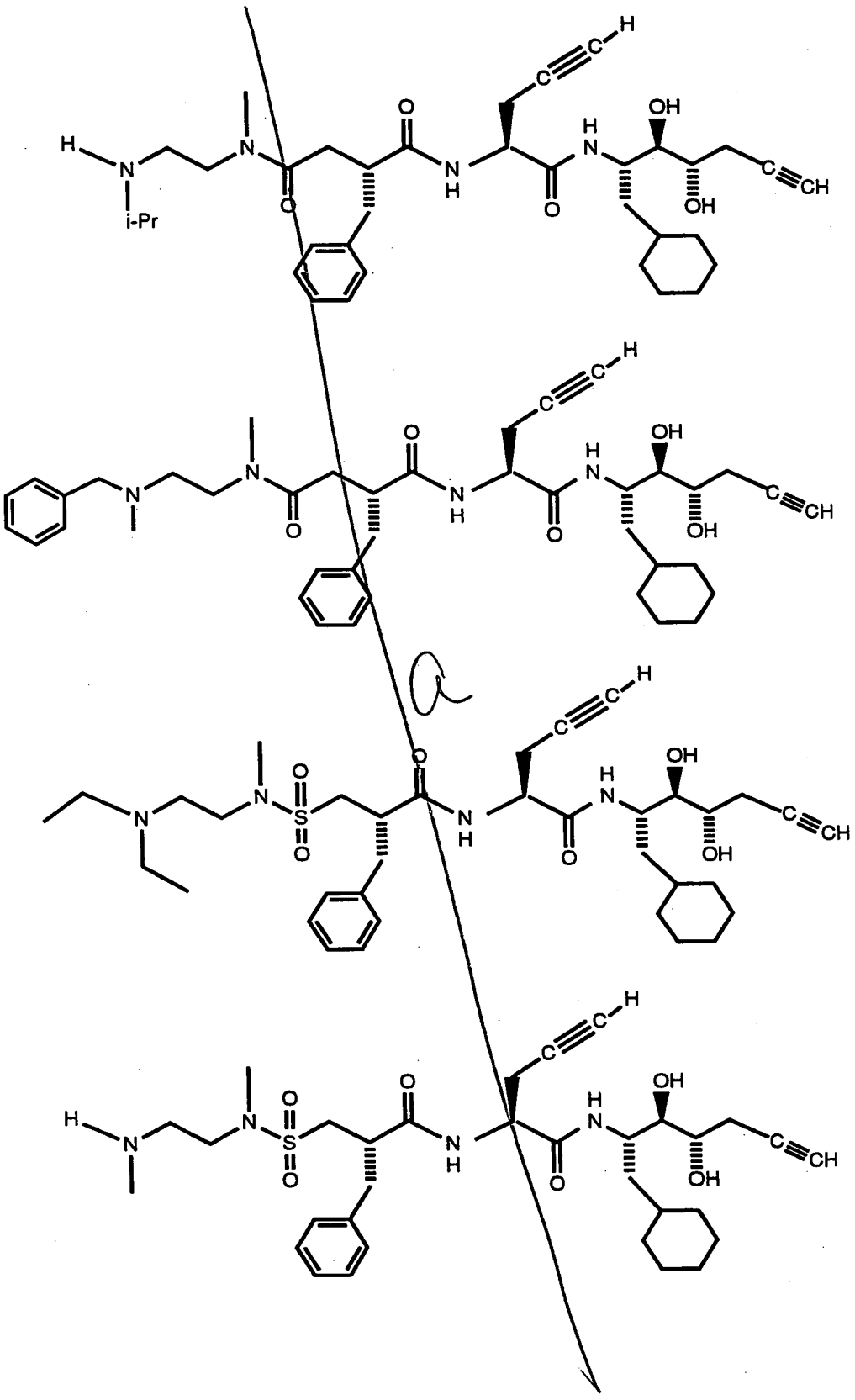
the nitrogen atom to which R_1 and R_9 are attached may be combined with oxygen to form an N-oxide; wherein R_2 is selected from hydrido, methyl, ethyl and isopropyl; wherein R_3 is selected from benzyl, cyclohexylmethyl, phenethyl, imidazolemethyl, pyridylmethyl and 2-pyridylethyl; wherein each of R_5 and R_8 is independently selected from

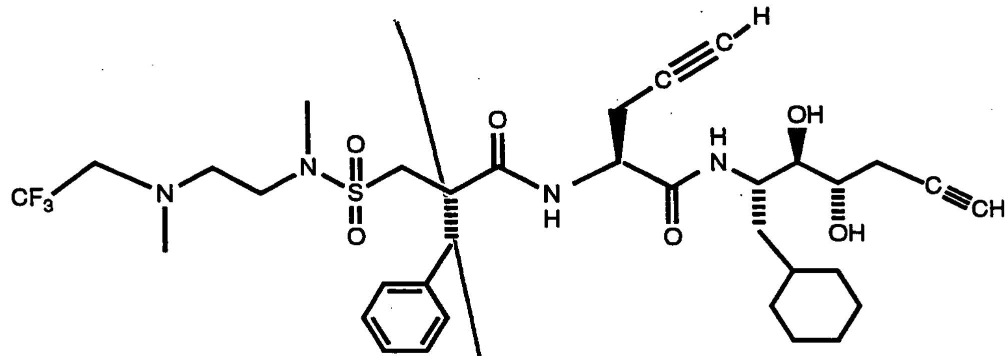


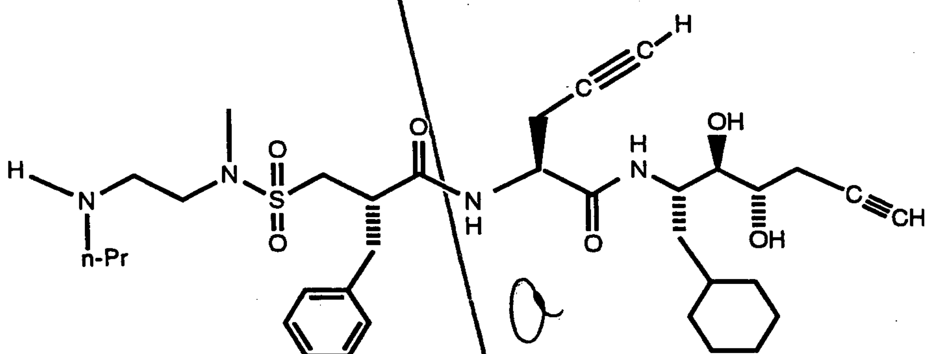
wherein V is selected from hydrido, alkyl and trifluoromethyl; wherein each of R_{13} and R_{14} is a radical independently selected from hydrido, methyl and ethynyl; wherein R_7 is cyclohexylmethyl; wherein each of R_4 and R_6 is independently selected from hydrido and methyl; wherein each of R_{11} and R_{12} is independently selected from hydrido, alkyl and phenyl; wherein m is zero; wherein n is a number selected from zero through three; wherein p is a number selected from one through three; and wherein q is zero or one; or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

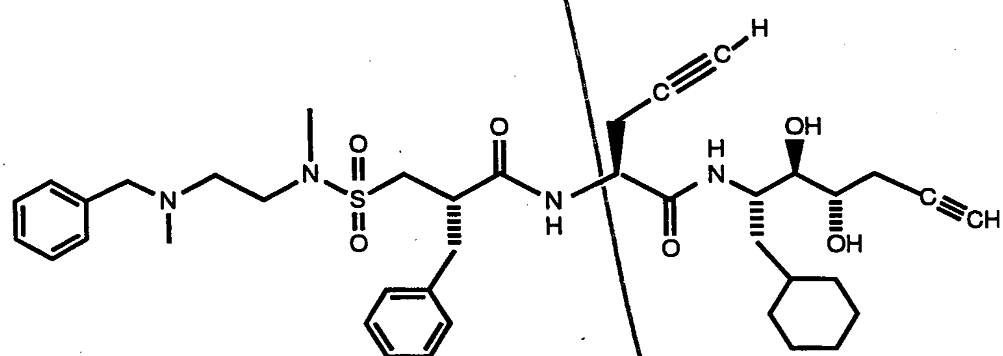
7. Compound of Claim 6 selected from compounds, their tautomers, and the pharmaceutically-acceptable esters and salts thereof, of the group consisting of

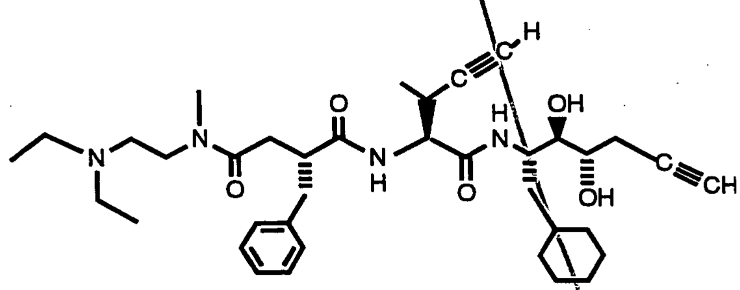


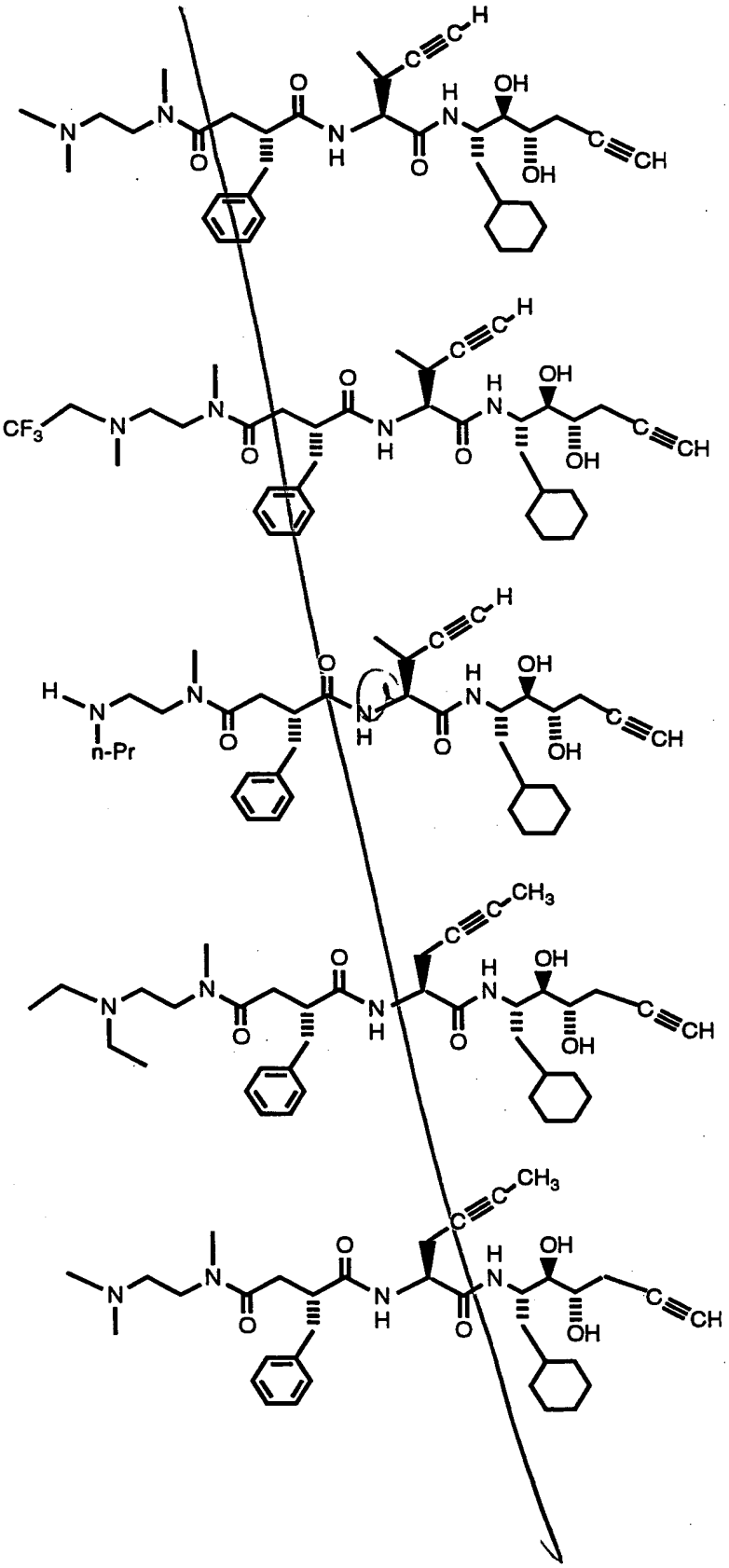


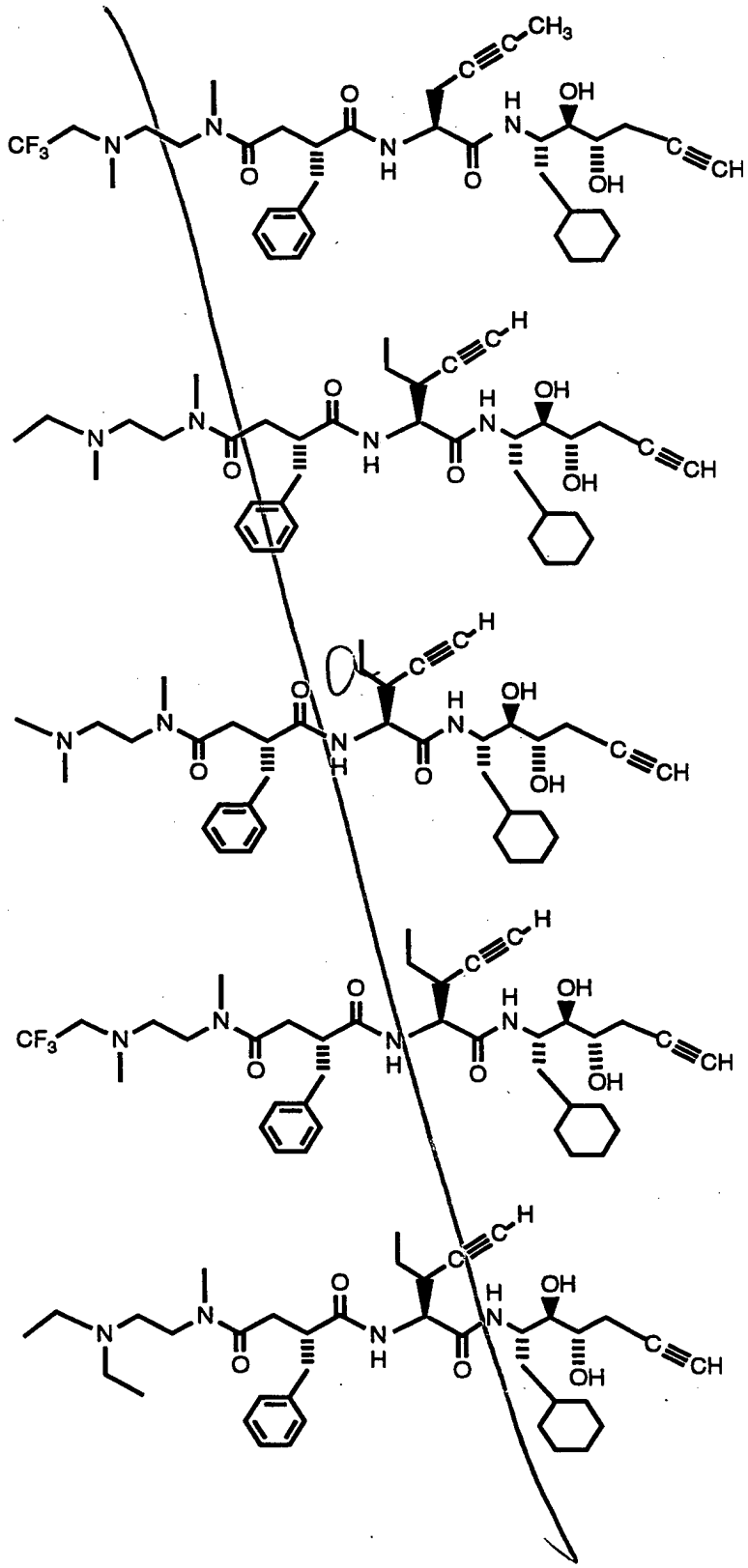


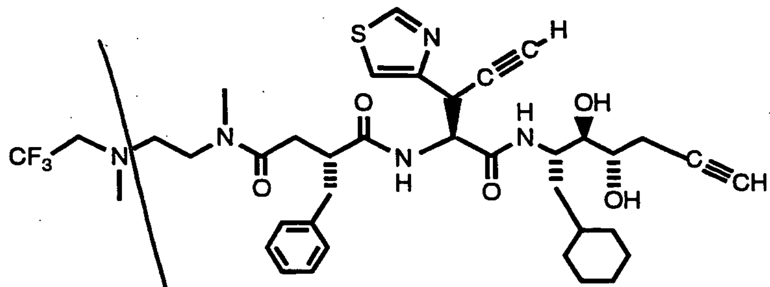


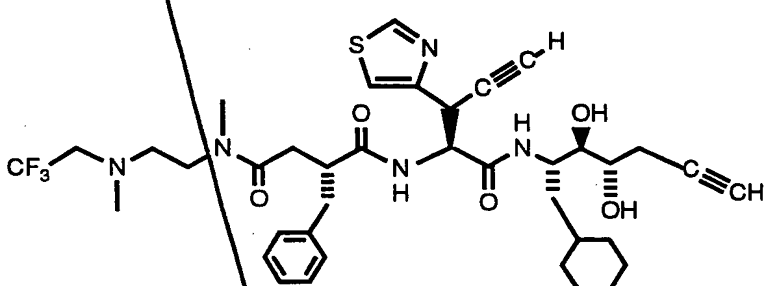


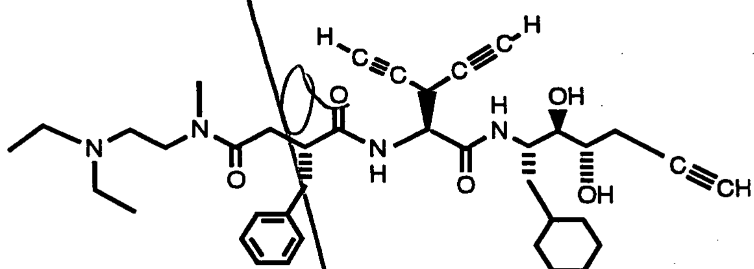


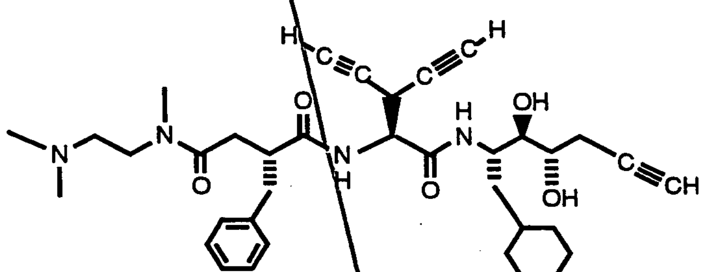


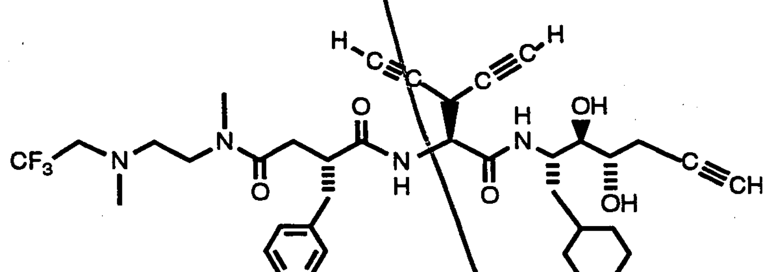


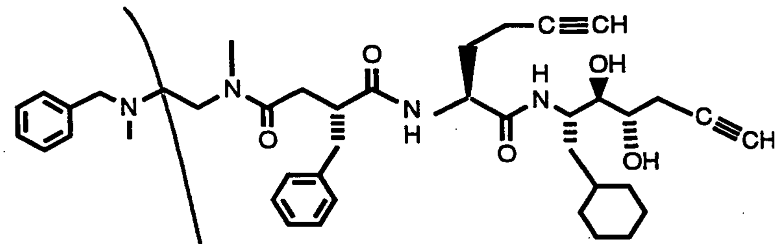


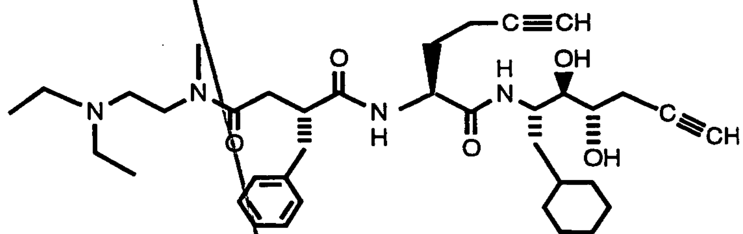


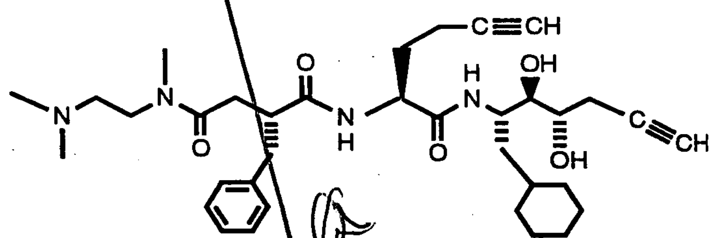


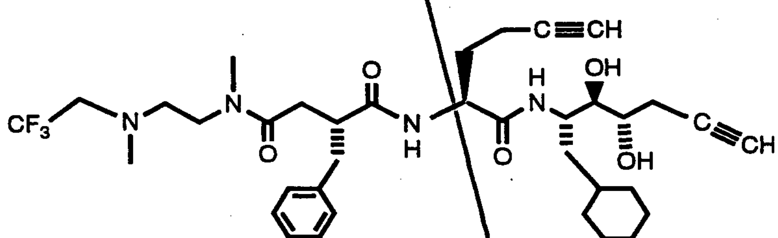


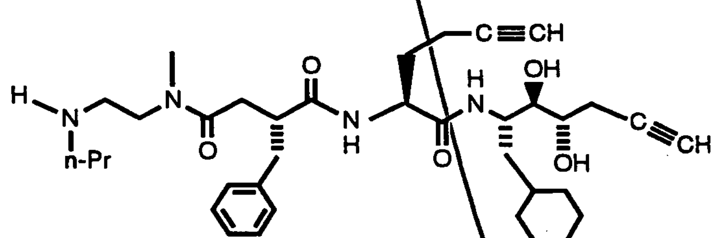


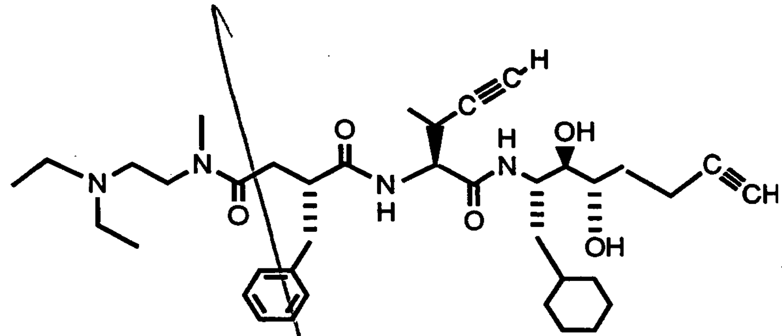


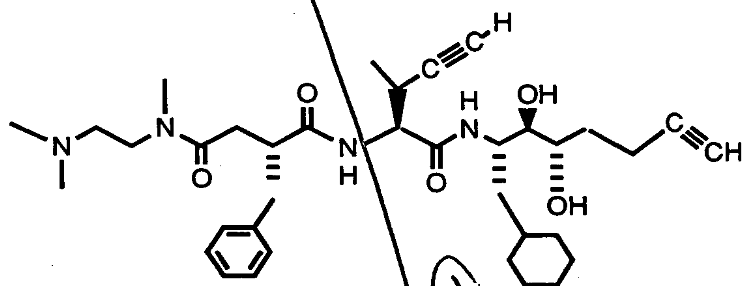


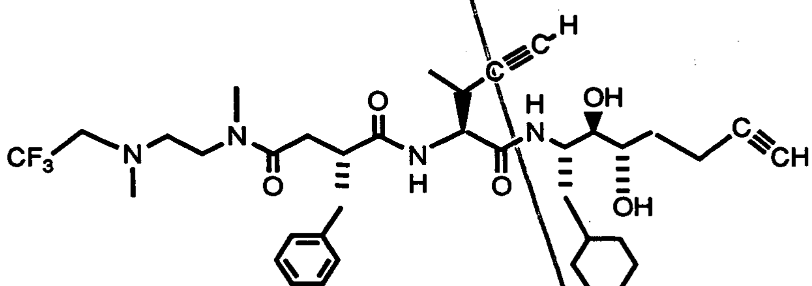


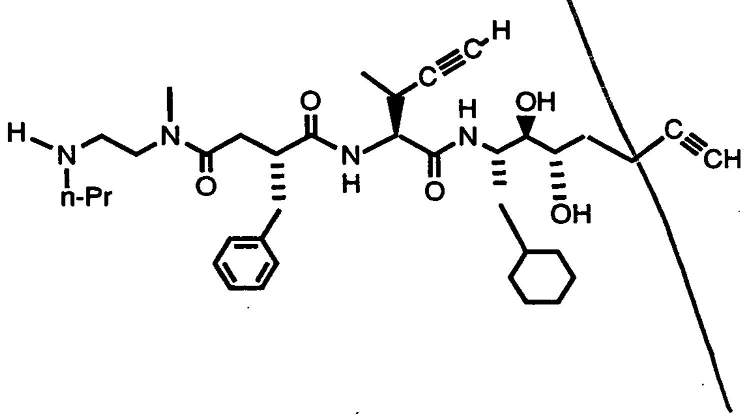


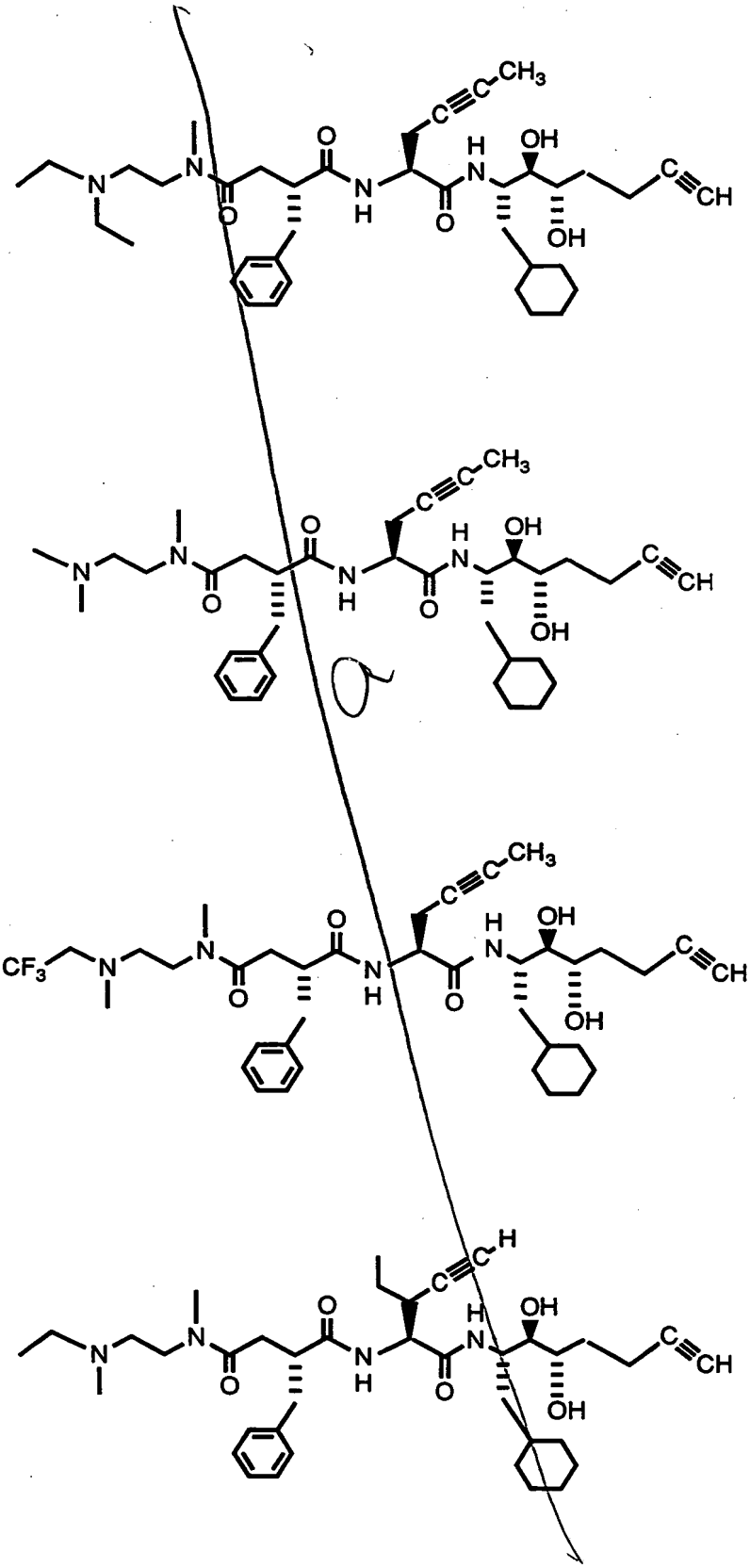


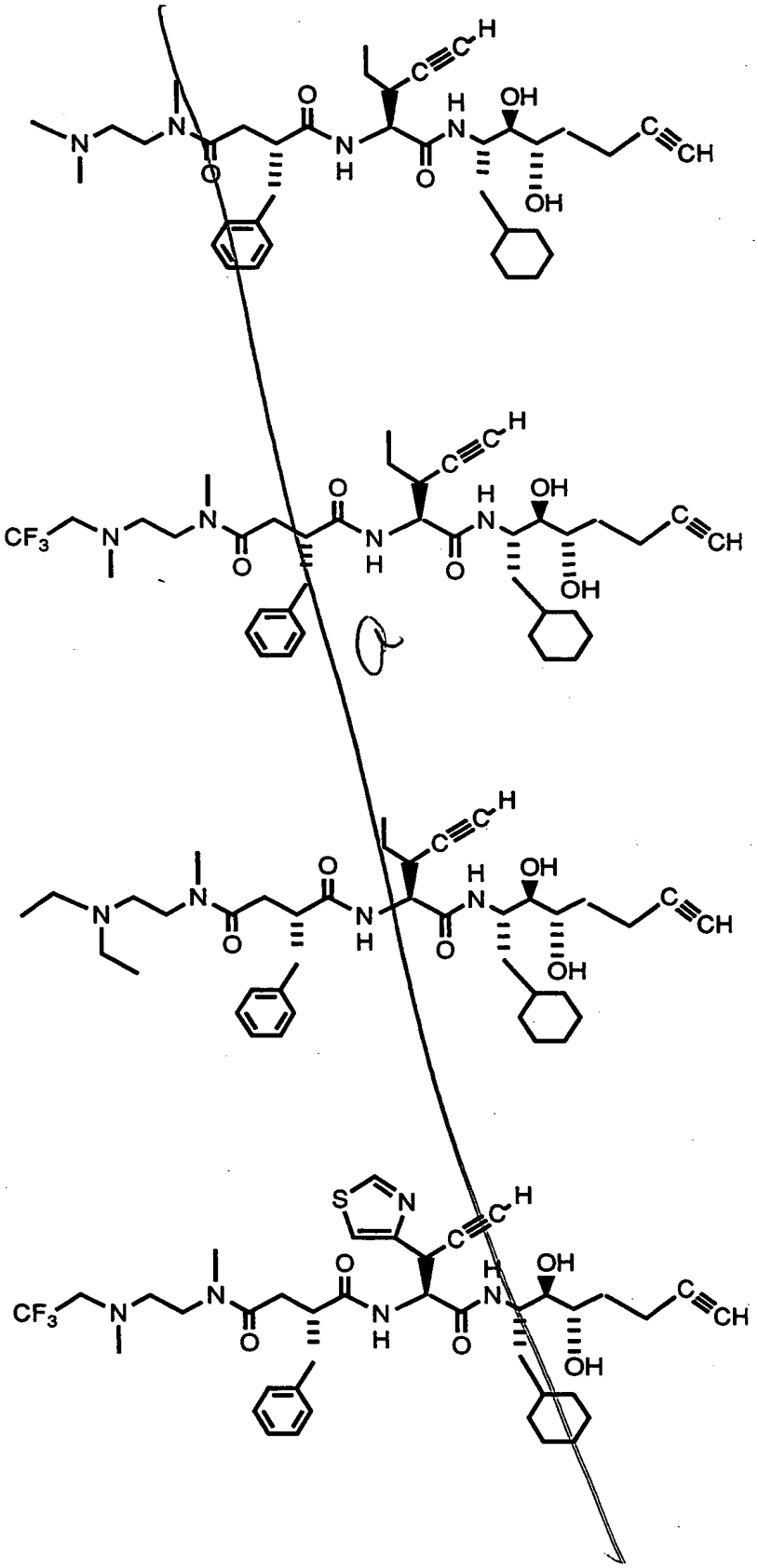


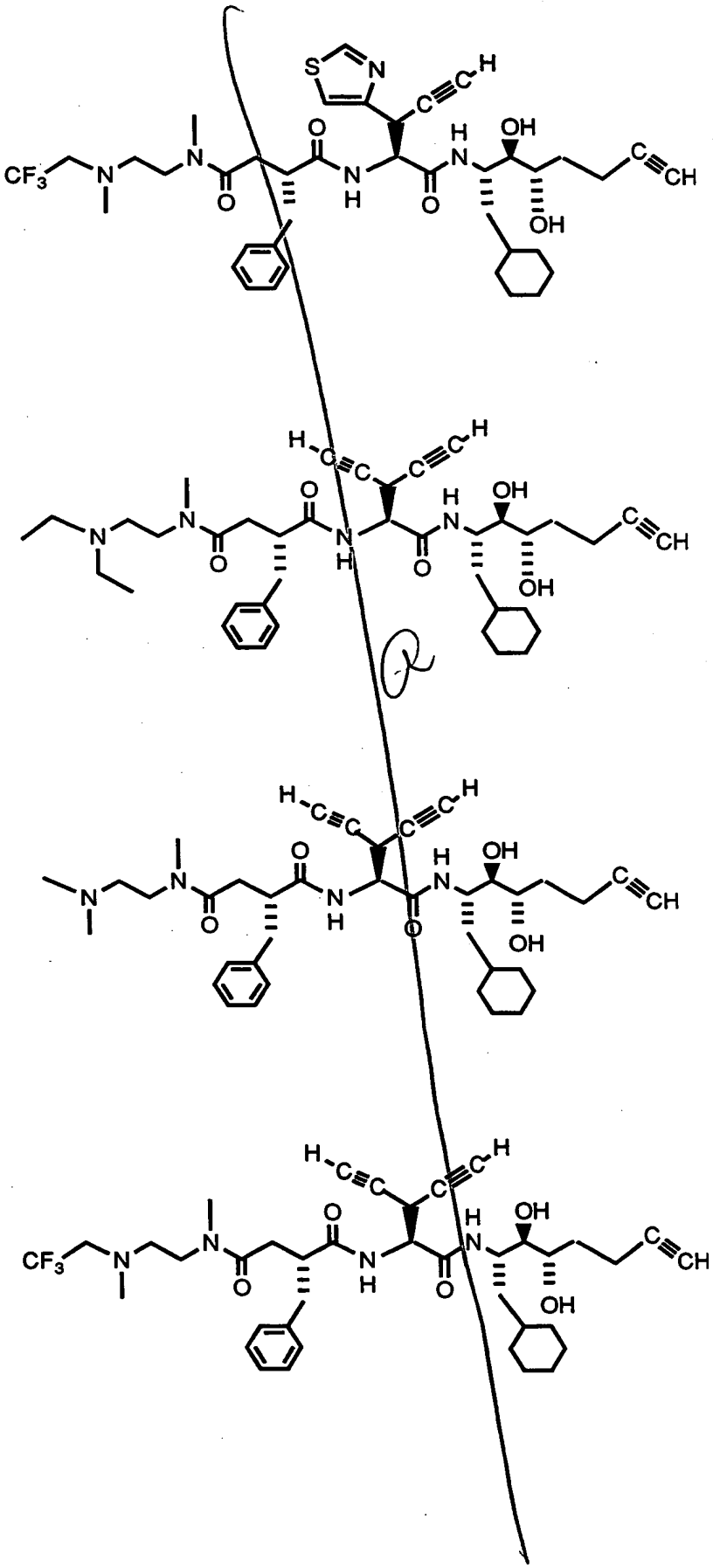


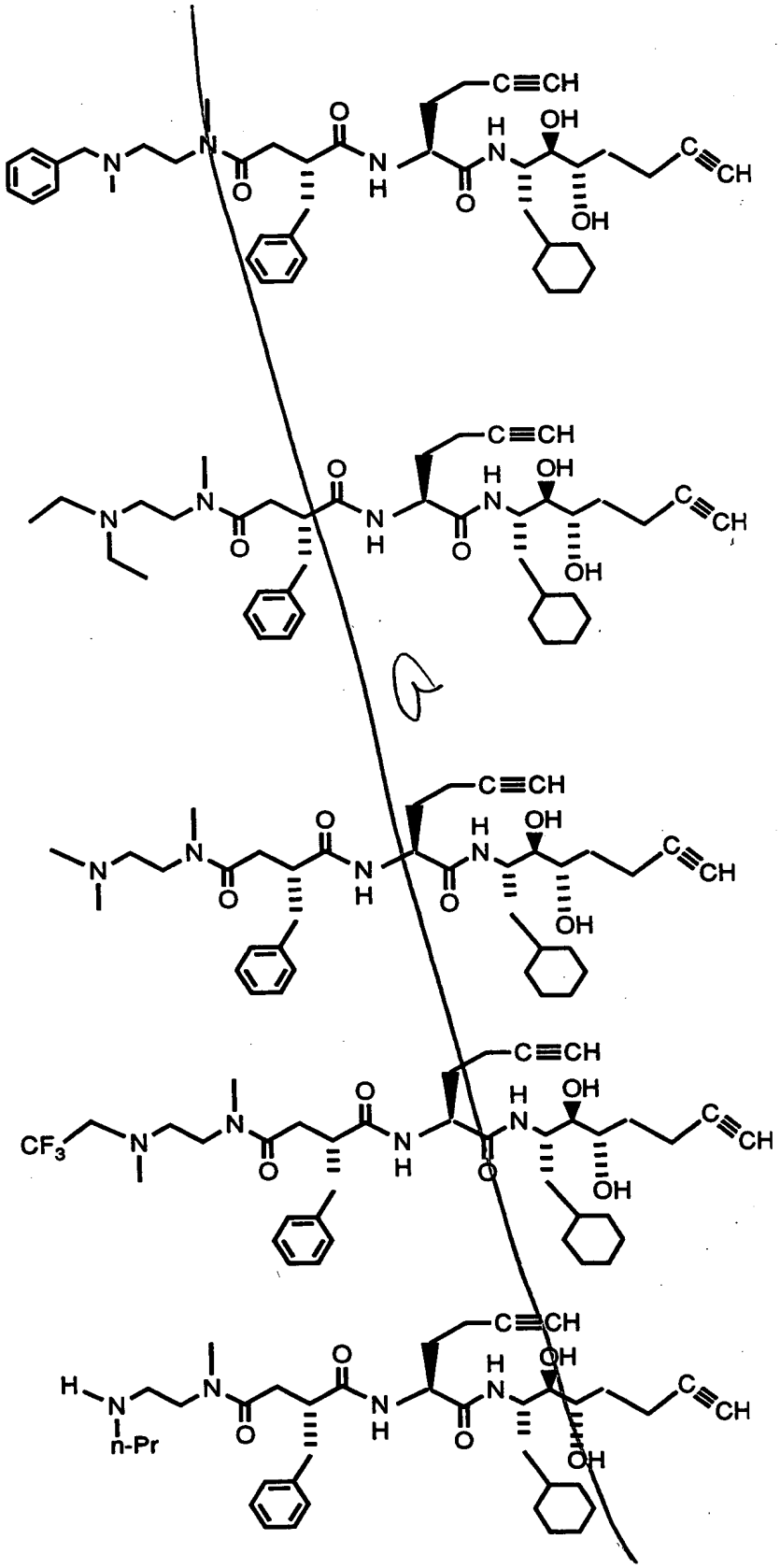


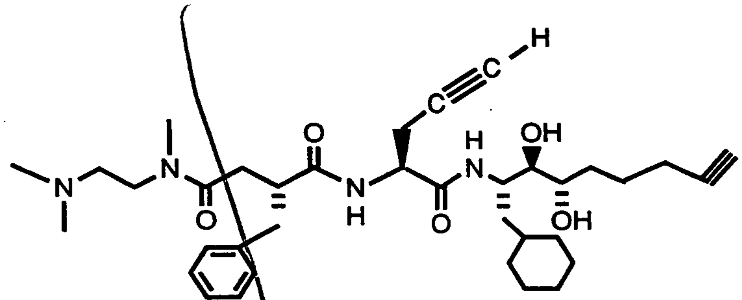


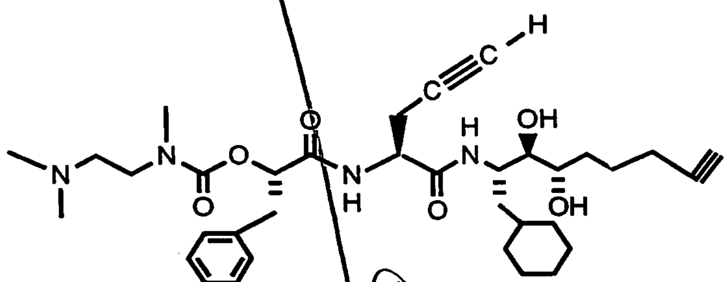


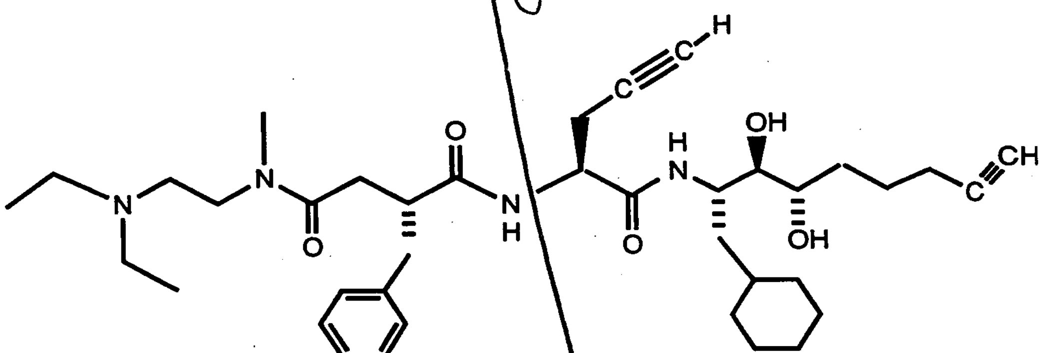


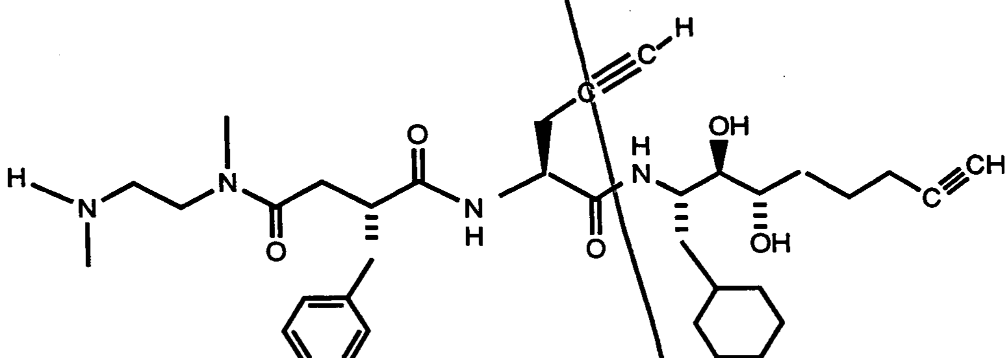


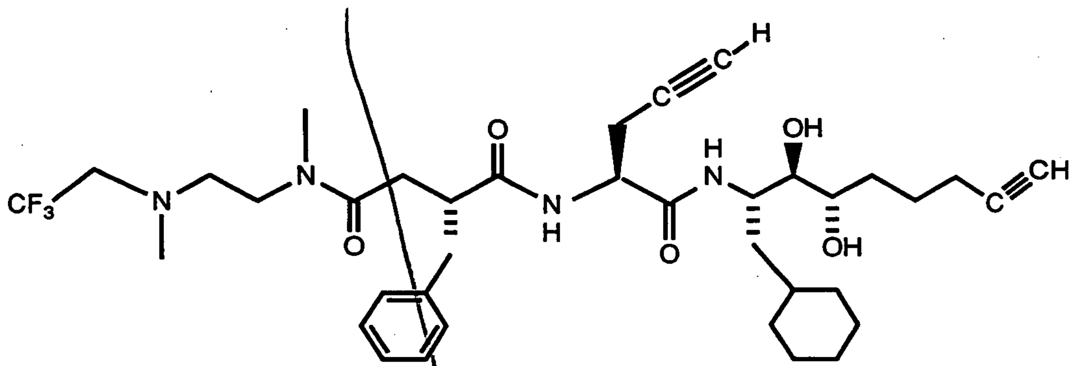


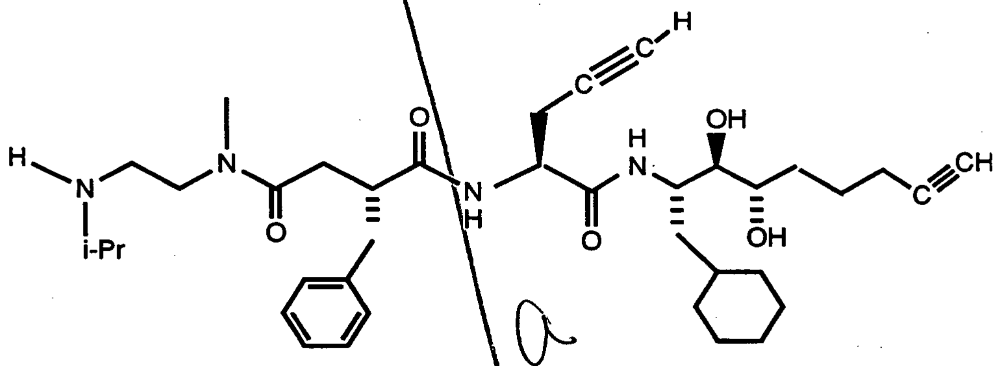


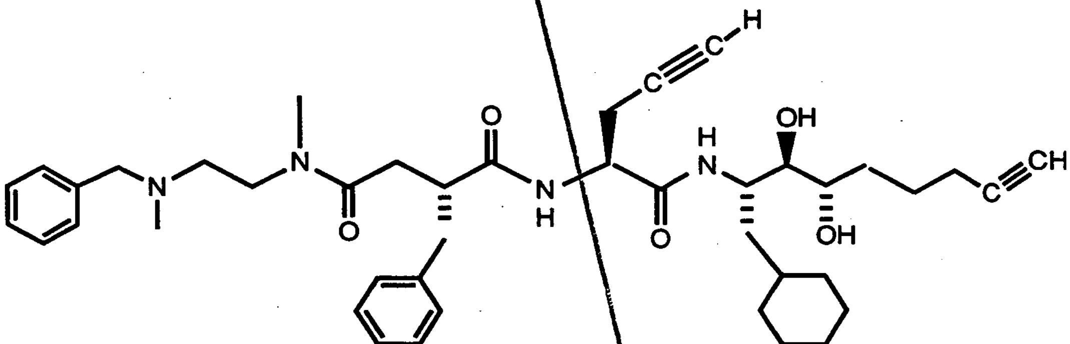


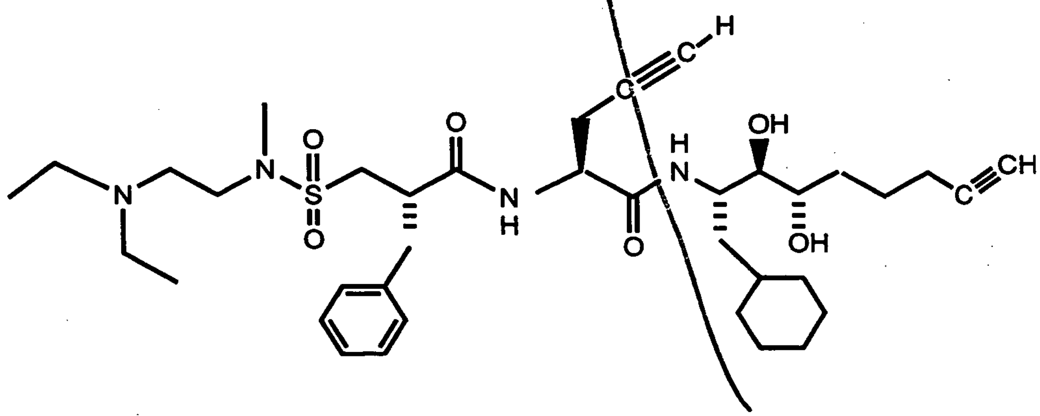


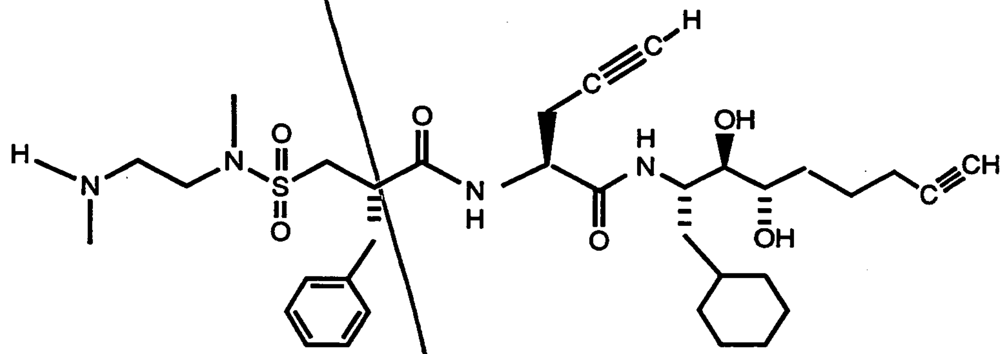


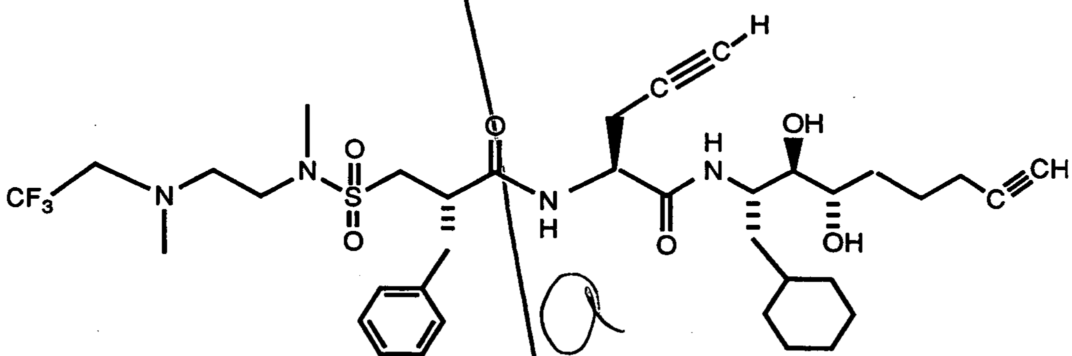


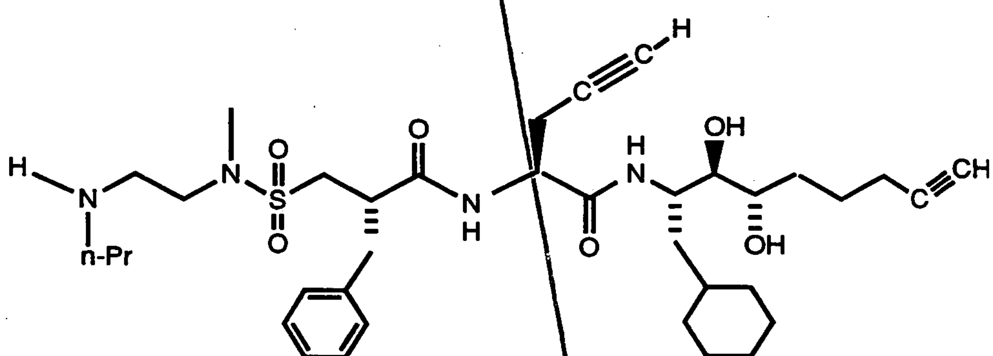


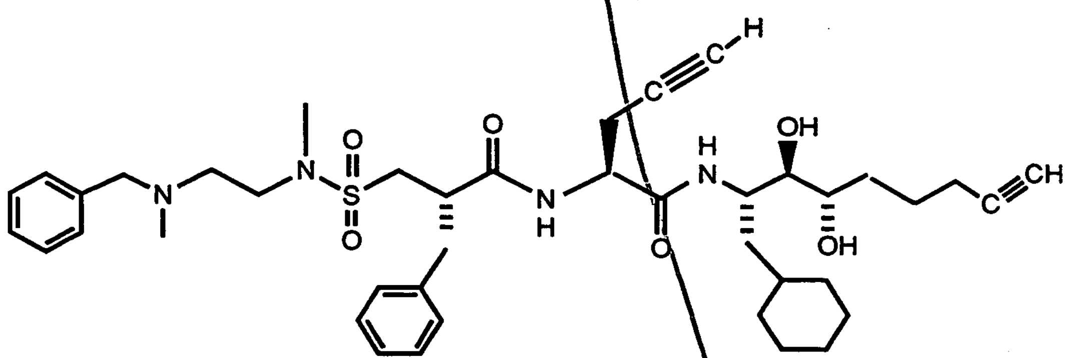


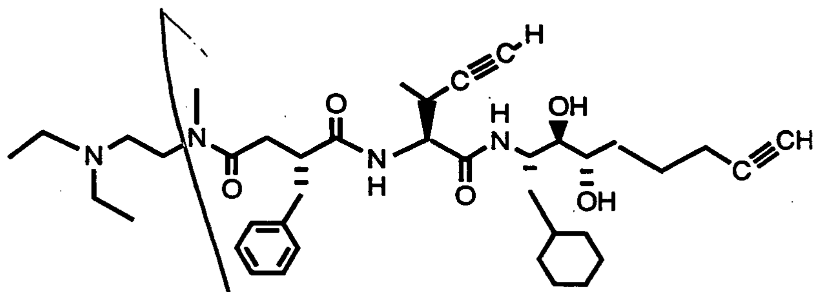


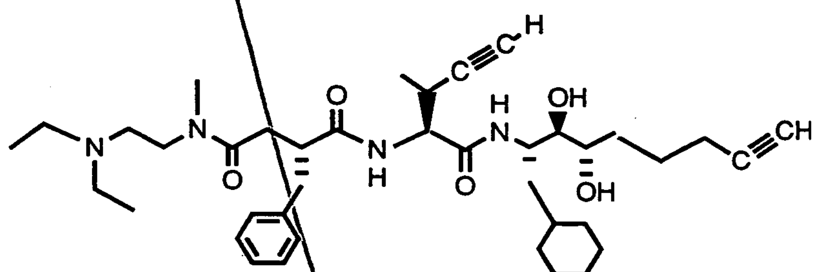


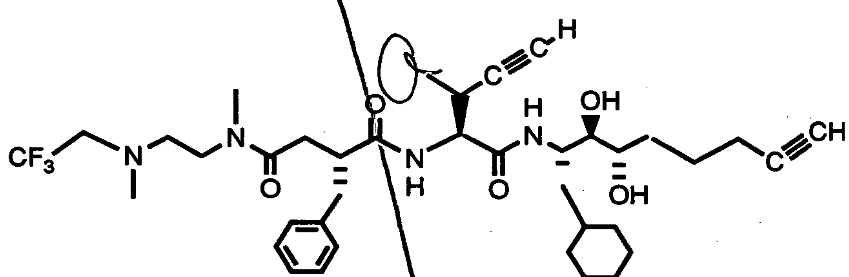


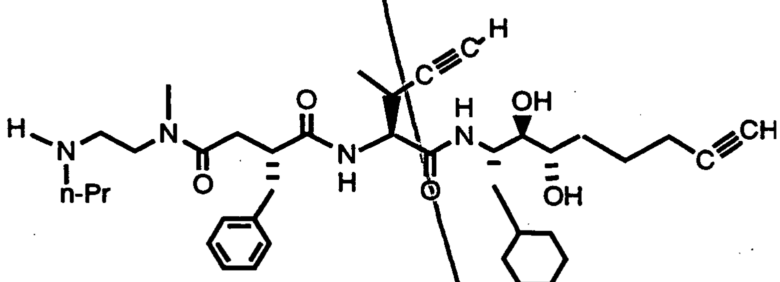


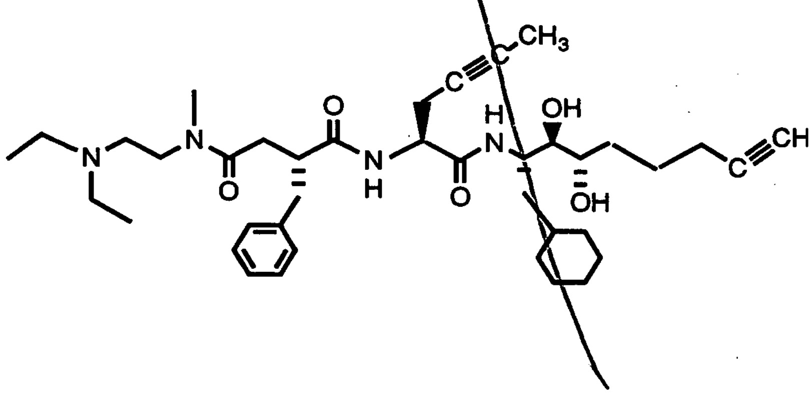


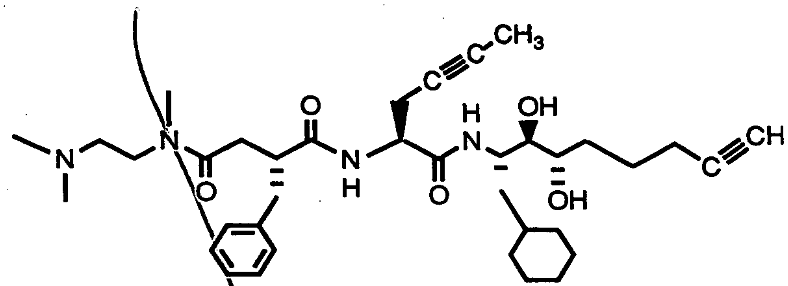


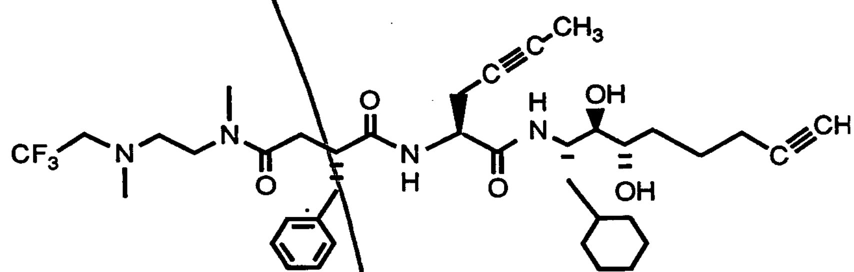


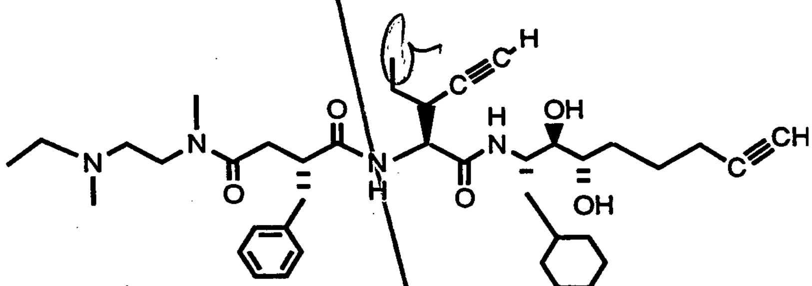


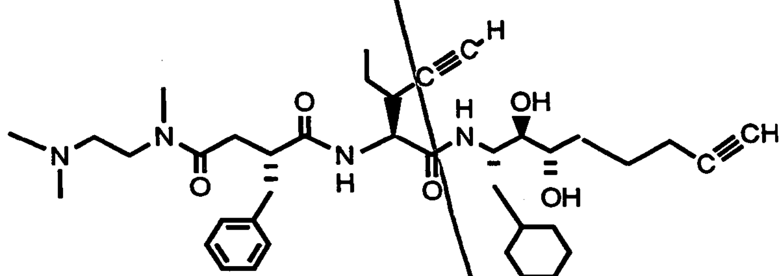


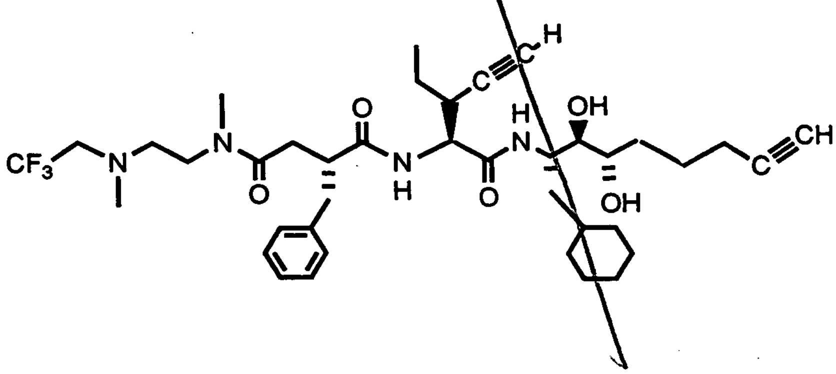


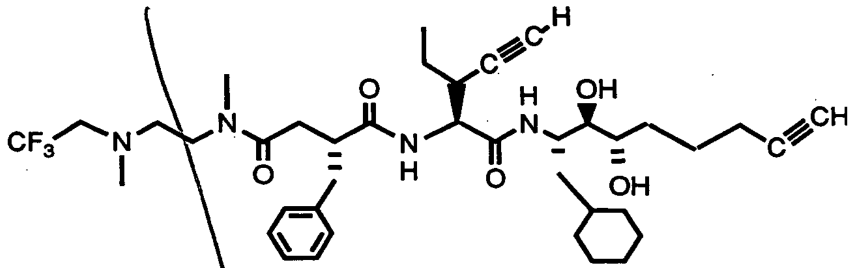


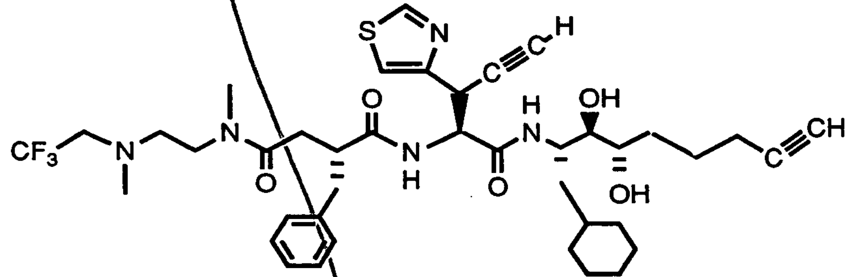


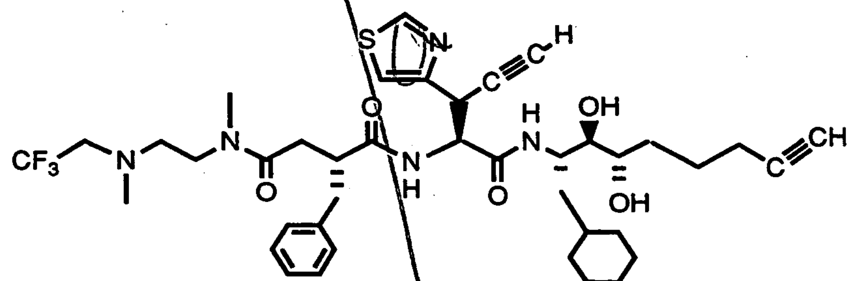


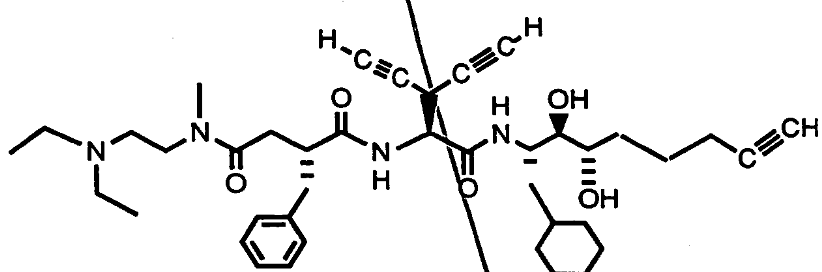


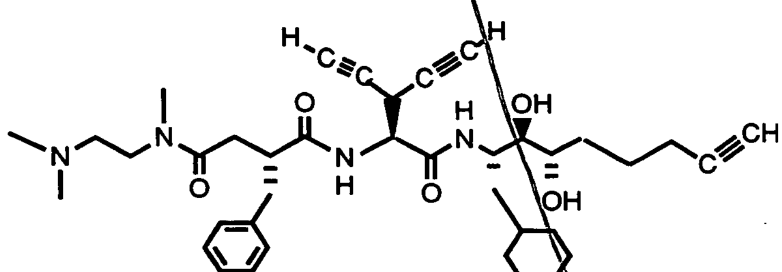


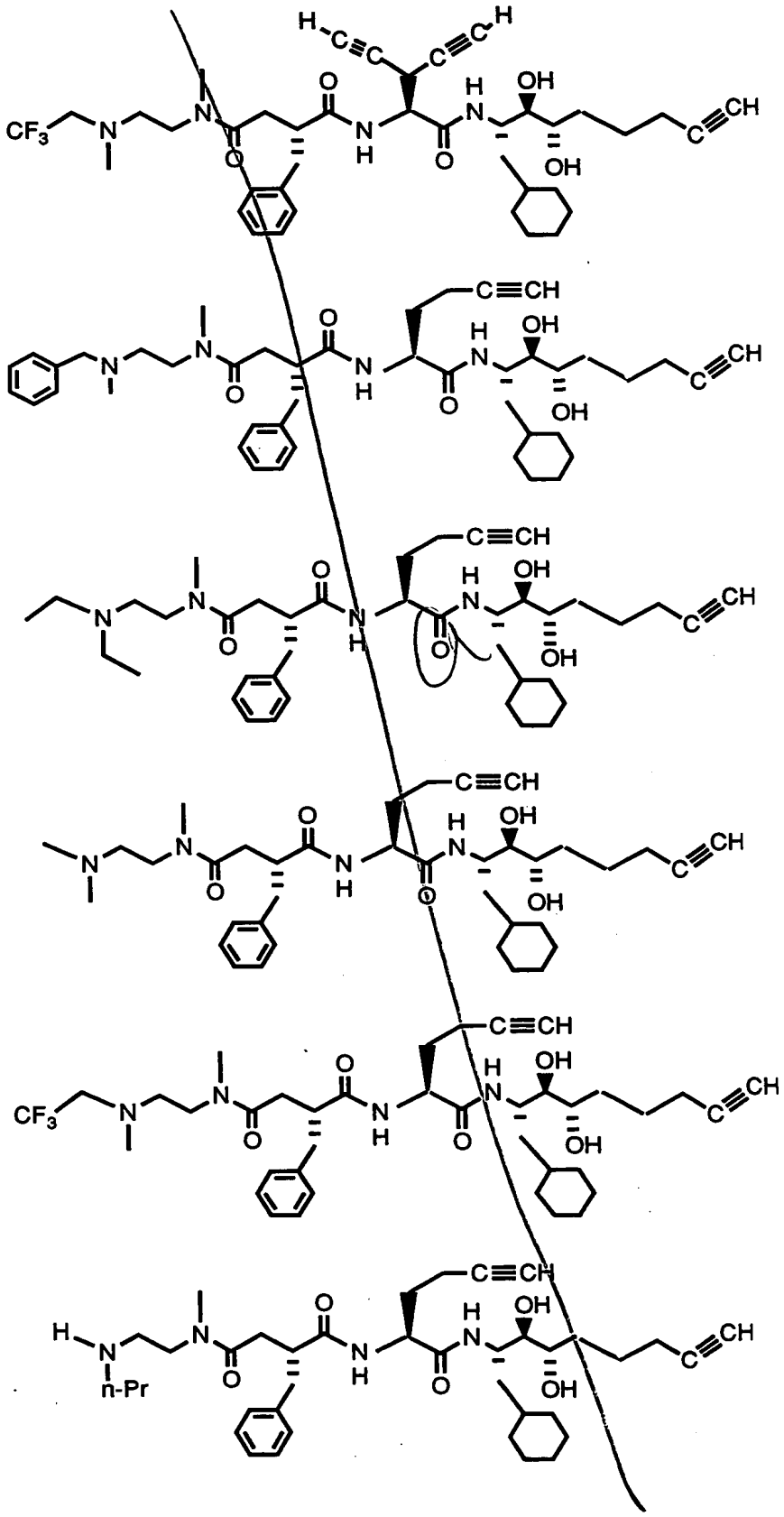








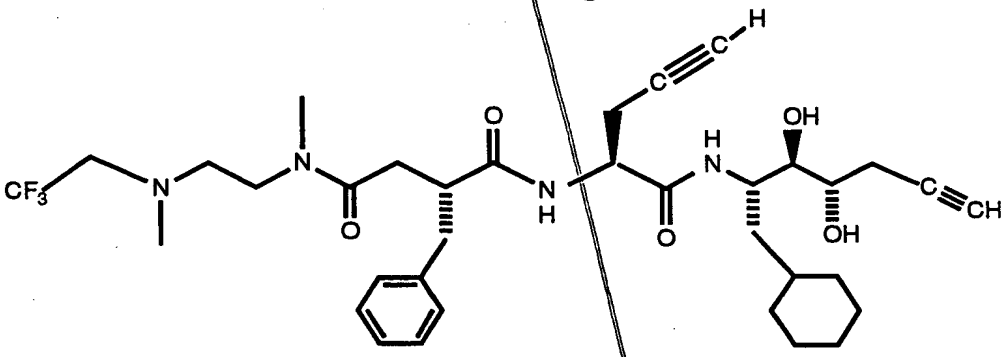




8. Compound of Claim 6 which is N1-[1R*-[[[1S,1R*-(cyclohexylmethyl)-2S*,3R*-dihydroxy-hexynyl]amino]carbonyl]-3-butynyl]-N4-[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-N4-methyl-2S*-(phenylmethyl)butanediamide or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

9. Compound of Claim 6 which is [1R*-[[[1R*-[[[1S,1R*-(cyclohexylmethyl)-2S*,3R*-dihydroxy-hexynyl]amino]carbonyl]-3-butynyl]amino]carbonyl]-2-phenylethyl][2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]methylcarbamate or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

10. Compound of Claim 6 which is



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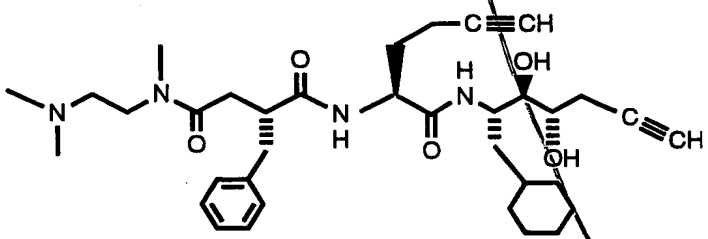
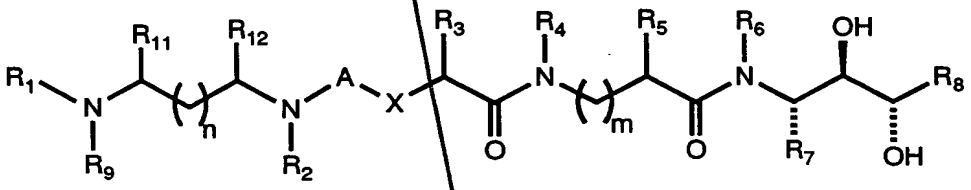


or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

12. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically-effective amount of a renin-inhibiting compound and a pharmaceutically-acceptable carrier or diluent, said renin-inhibiting compound selected from a family of compounds of Formula I:



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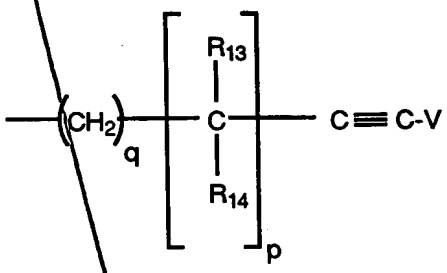
wherein A is selected from methylene, CO, SO and SO_2; wherein X is selected from oxygen atom, methylene and $>NR_{10}$ with R_{10} selected from hydrido, alkyl and benzyl; wherein each of R_1 and R_9 is a group independently selected from hydrido, alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkoxyacyl, haloalkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, benzyloxycarbonyl, loweralkanoyl, haloalkylacyl, phenyl, benzyl, naphthyl, and naphthylmethyl, any one of which groups having a substitutable position may be optionally substituted with one or more radicals selected from alkyl, alkoxy, alkenyl, alkynyl, halo, haloalkyl, cyano and phenyl, and wherein the nitrogen atom to which R_1 and R_9 are attached may be combined with oxygen to form an N-oxide; wherein R_2 is selected from hydrido, alkyl, dialkylaminoalkyl, alkylacylaminoalkyl, benzyl and cycloalkyl; wherein R_3 is selected from alkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, acylaminoalkyl, phenylalkyl, naphthylmethyl, aryl, heterocyclicalkyl and heterocycliccycloalkyl, wherein the cyclic portion of any of said phenylalkyl, naphthylmethyl, aryl, heterocyclicalkyl and heterocycliccycloalkyl groups may be substituted by one or more radicals selected from halo, hydroxy, alkoxy and alkyl; wherein each of R_4 and R_6 is independently selected from hydrido, alkyl, benzyl

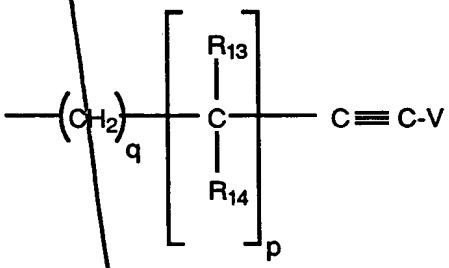
and cycloalkyl; wherein each of R_5 and R_8 is independently selected from



wherein V is selected from hydrido, alkyl, cycloalkyl, haloalkyl, benzyl and phenyl; wherein each of R_{13} and R_{14} is a radical independently selected from hydrido, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, phenyl, heterocyclic, heterocyclicalkyl and heterocycliccycloalkyl; wherein R_7 is selected from substituted or unsubstituted alkyl, cycloalkyl, phenyl, cycloalkylalkyl and phenylalkyl, any one of which may be substituted with one or more groups selected from alkyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, halo, haloalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl and cyano; wherein each of R_{11} and R_{12} is independently selected from hydrido, alkyl, haloalkyl, dialkylamino and phenyl; and wherein m is zero or one; wherein n is a number selected from zero through five; wherein p is a number selected from zero through five; and wherein q is a number selected from zero through five; or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

13. The composition of Claim 12 wherein A is selected from methylene, CO, SO and SO_2; wherein X is selected from oxygen atom, methylene and $>NR_{10}$ with R_{10} selected from hydrido, alkyl and benzyl; wherein each of R_1 and R_9 is independently selected from hydrido, lower alkyl, haloalkyl, cycloalkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, benzyloxycarbonyl, loweralkanoyl, alkoxyacyl, phenyl and benzyl, and wherein the nitrogen atom to which R_1 and R_9 are attached may be combined with oxygen to form an

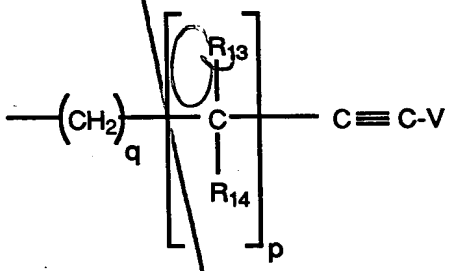
N-oxide; wherein each of R_2, R_4 and R_6 is independently selected from hydrido and alkyl; wherein R_3 is selected from phenylalkyl, naphthylmethyl, cyclohexylalkyl, cyclopentylalkyl, heteroarylalkyl and heteroarylcycloalkyl; wherein each of R_5 and R_8 is independently selected from



wherein V is selected from hydrido, alkyl, haloalkyl, benzyl and phenyl; wherein each of R_{13} and R_{14} is a radical independently selected from hydrido, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, heteroaryl, heteroarylalkyl and heteroarylcycloalkyl; wherein R_7 is selected from substituted or unsubstituted cyclohexylmethyl and benzyl, either one of which may be substituted with one or more groups selected from alkyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, halo and haloalkyl; wherein each of R_{11} and R_{12} is independently selected from hydrido, alkyl, dialkylamino and phenyl; wherein m is zero or one; wherein n is a number selected from zero through five; wherein p is a number selected from zero through five; and wherein q is a number selected from zero through five; or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

14. The composition of Claim 13 wherein A is selected from methylene, CO, SO and SO_2; wherein X is selected from oxygen atom, methylene and $>NR_{10}$ with R_{10} selected from hyrido, alkyl and benzyl; wherein each of R_1 and R_9 is independently selected from hydrido, alkyl, alkoxyacyl, haloalkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, benzyloxycarbonyl, and benzyl, and wherein the nitrogen

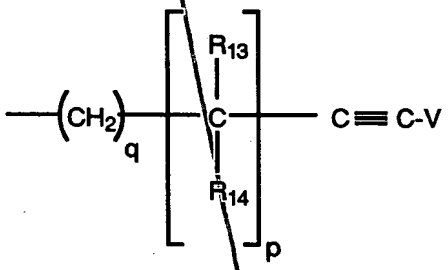
atom to which R_1 and R_9 are attached may be combined with oxygen to form an N-oxide; wherein each of R_2, R_4 and R_6 is independently selected from hydrido and alkyl; wherein R_3 is selected from benzyl, phenethyl, cyclohexylmethyl, phenpropyl, pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, pyrrolidinylmethyl, piperidinylmethyl, pyrazolemethyl, pyrazoleethyl, pyridylmethyl, pyridylethyl, thiazolemethyl, thiazoleethyl, imidazolemethyl, imidazoleethyl, thienylmethyl, thienylethyl, furanylmethyl, furanylethyl, oxazolemethyl, oxazoleethyl, isoxazolemethyl, isoxazoleethyl, pyridazinemethyl, pyridazineethyl, pyrazinemethyl and pyrazineethyl; wherein each of R_5 and R_8 is independently selected from



wherein V is selected from hydrido, alkyl and haloalkyl; wherein each of R_{13} and R_{14} is a radical independently selected from hydrido, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, thiazole and thiazolemethyl; wherein R_7 is cyclohexylmethyl; wherein each of R_{11} and R_{12} is independently selected from hydrido, alkyl, dialkylamino and phenyl; wherein m is zero or one; wherein n is a number selected from zero through five; wherein p is a number selected from zero through five; and wherein q is a number selected from zero through five; or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

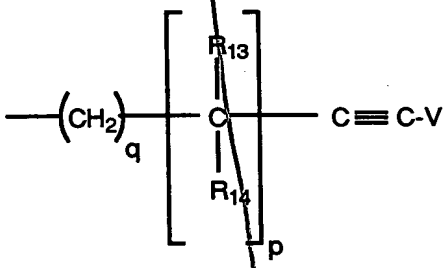
15. The composition of Claim 14 wherein A is selected from CO and SO_2; wherein X is selected from oxygen atom, methylene and $>NR_{10}$ with R_{10} selected from

hydrido and methyl; wherein each of R_1 and R_9 is independently selected from hydrido, lower alkyl, alkoxyacyl, alkoxycarbonyl, benzyloxycarbonyl, haloalkyl and benzyl, and wherein the nitrogen atom to which R_1 and R_9 are attached may be combined with oxygen to form an N-oxide; wherein R_2 is selected from hydrido, methyl, ethyl and isopropyl; wherein R_3 is selected from benzyl, phenethyl, cyclohexylmethyl, pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, pyrrolidinylmethyl, piperidinylmethyl, pyrazolemethyl, pyrazoleethyl, pyridylmethyl, pyridylethyl, thiazolemethyl, thiazoleethyl, imidazolemethyl, imidazoleethyl, thienylmethyl, thienylethyl, furanylmethyl, furanylethyl, oxazolemethyl, oxazoleethyl, isoxazolemethyl, isoxazoleethyl, pyridazinemethyl, pyridazineethyl, pyrazinemethyl and pyrazineethyl; wherein each of R_4 and R_6 is independently selected from hydrido and methyl; wherein each of R_5 and R_8 is independently selected from



wherein V is selected from hydrido, alkyl and trifluoromethyl; wherein each of R_{13} and R_{14} is a radical independently selected from hydrido, alkyl and alkynyl; wherein R_7 is cyclohexylmethyl; wherein each of R_{11} and R_{12} is independently selected from hydrido, alkyl, dialkylamino and phenyl; wherein m is zero; wherein n is a number selected from zero through five; wherein p is a number selected from zero through five; and wherein q is a number selected from zero through five; or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

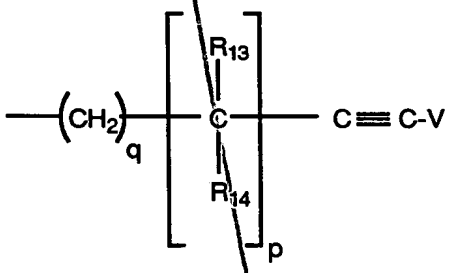
16. The composition of Claim 15 wherein A is selected from CO and SO_2; wherein X is selected from oxygen atom and methylene; wherein each of R_1 and R_9 is independently selected from hydrido, methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, benzyl, b, b, b-trifluoroethyl, t-butyloxycarbonyl and methoxymethylcarbonyl, and wherein the nitrogen atom to which R_1 and R_9 are attached may be combined with oxygen to form an N-oxide; wherein R_2 is selected from hydrido, methyl, ethyl and isopropyl; wherein R_3 is selected from benzyl, cyclohexylmethyl, phenethyl, pyrazolemethyl, pyrazoleethyl, pyridylmethyl, pyridylethyl, thiazolemethyl, thiazoleethyl, imidazolemethyl, imidazoleethyl, thienylmethyl, thienylethyl, furanylmethyl, furanylethyl, oxazolemethyl, oxazoleethyl, isoxazolemethyl, isoxazoleethyl, pyridazinemethyl, pyridazineethyl, pyrazinemethyl and pyrazineethyl; wherein each of R_5 and R_8 is independently selected from



wherein V is selected from hydrido, alkyl and trifluoromethyl; wherein each of R_{13} and R_{14} is a radical independently selected from hydrido, methyl, ethyl, propyl and ethynyl; wherein R_7 is cyclohexylmethyl; wherein each of R_4 and R_6 is independently selected from hydrido and methyl; wherein each of R_{11} and R_{12} is independently selected from hydrido, alkyl, dialkylamino and phenyl; wherein m is zero; wherein n is a number selected from zero through five; wherein p is a number selected from zero through

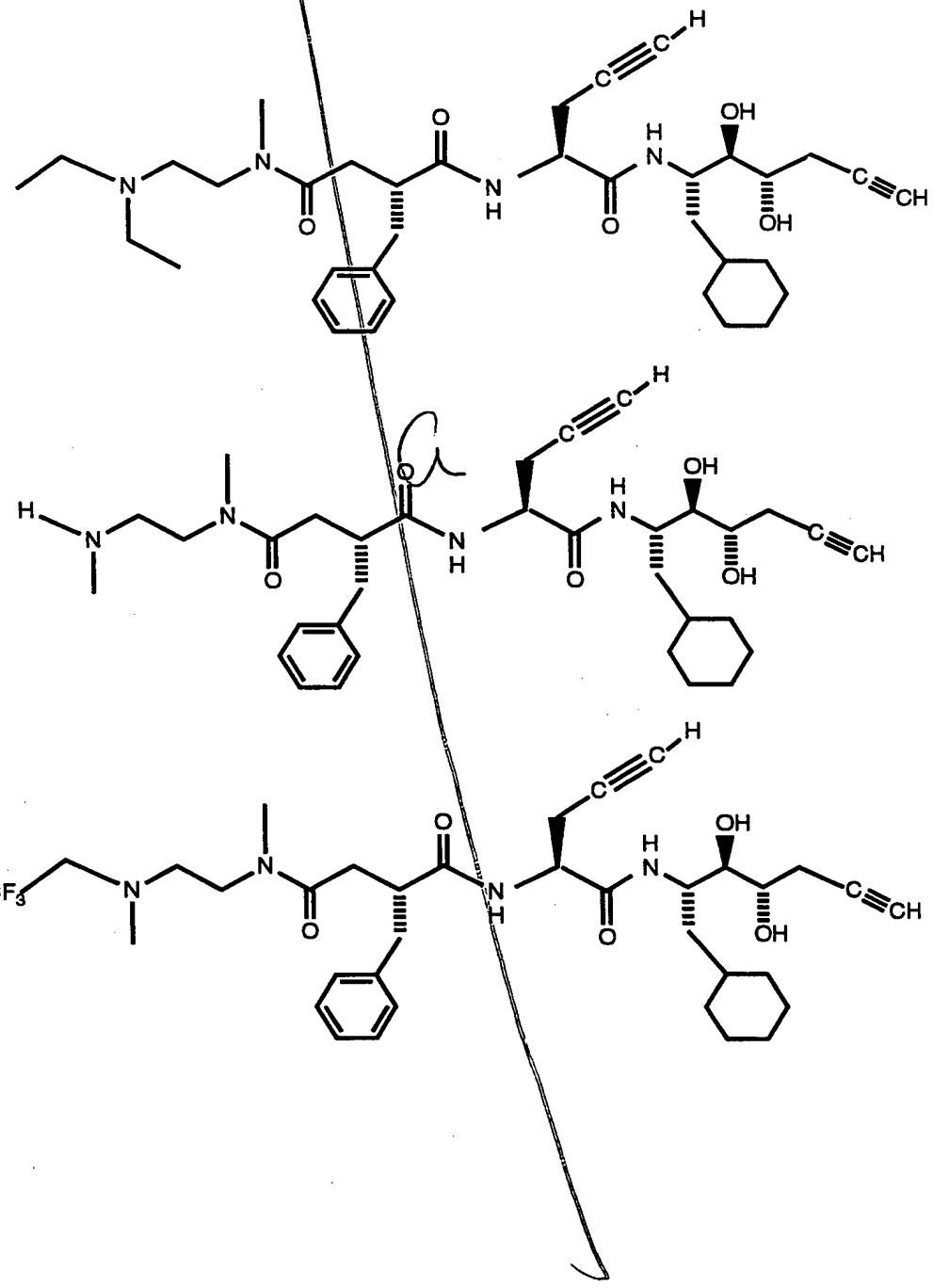
five; and wherein q is a number selected from zero through five; or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

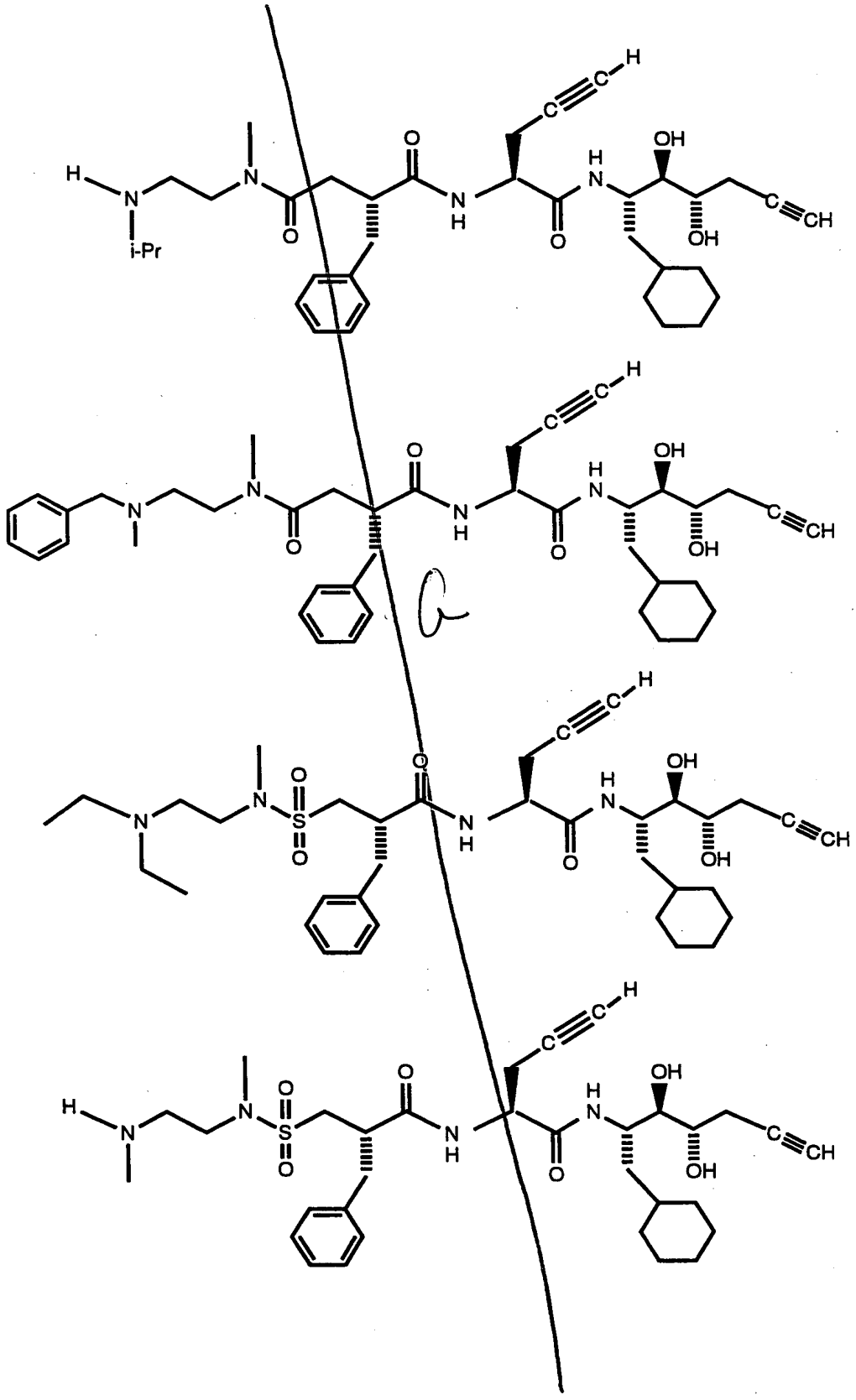
17. The composition of Claim 16 wherein A is selected from CO and SO_2; wherein X is selected from oxygen atom and methylene; wherein each of R_1 and R_9 is a group independently selected from hydrido, methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, benzyl, b, b, b-trifluoroethyl, t-butyloxycarbonyl and methoxymethylcarbonyl, and wherein the nitrogen atom to which R_1 and R_9 are attached may be combined with oxygen to form an N-oxide; wherein R_2 is selected from hydrido, methyl, ethyl and isopropyl; wherein R_3 is selected from benzyl, cyclohexylmethyl, phenethyl, imidazolemethyl, pyridylmethyl and 2-pyridylethyl; wherein each of R_5 and R_8 is independently selected from

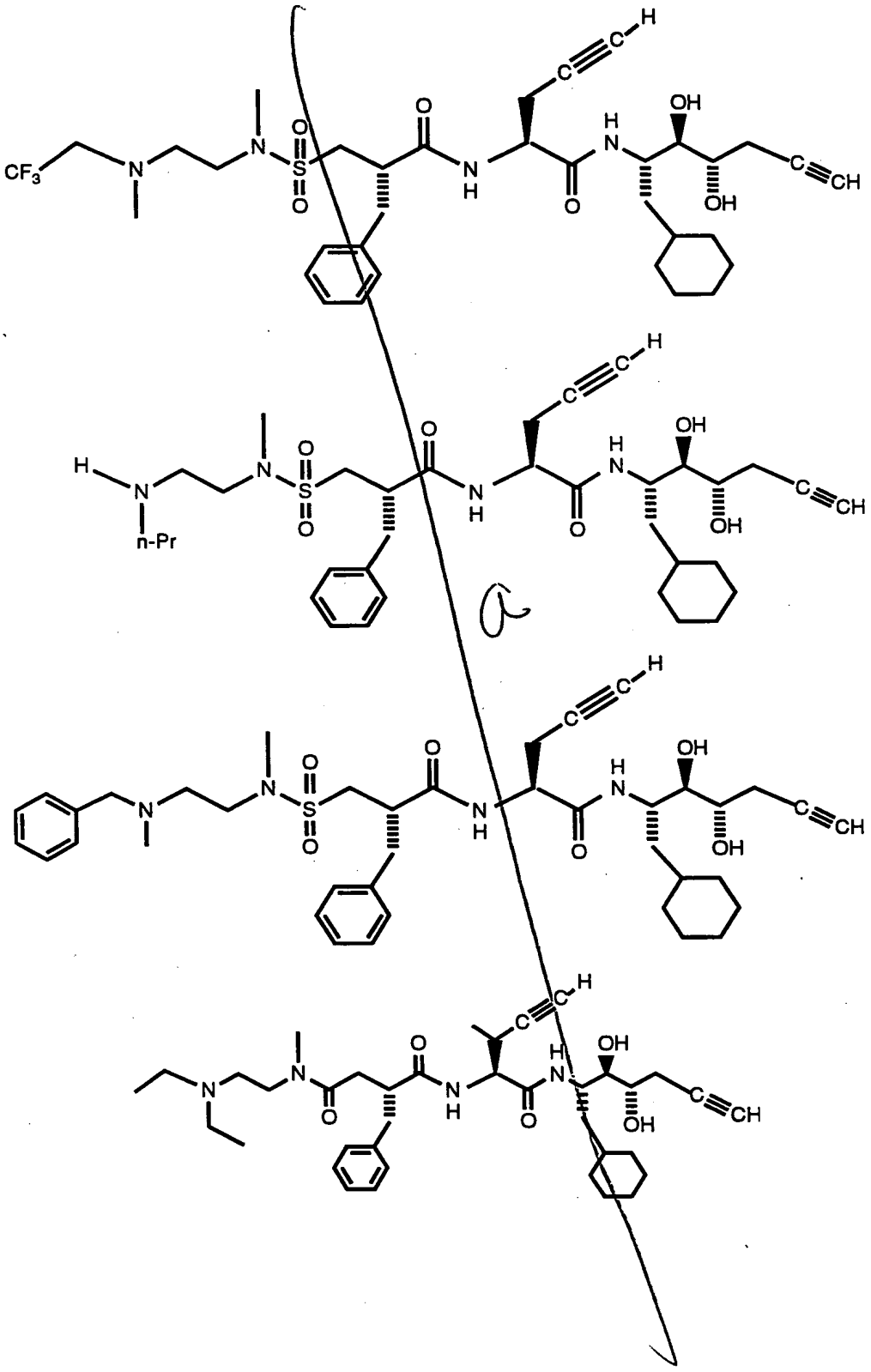


wherein V is selected from hydrido, alkyl and trifluoromethyl; wherein each of R_{13} and R_{14} is a radical independently selected from hydrido, methyl and ethynyl; wherein R_7 is cyclohexylmethyl; wherein each of R_4 and R_6 is independently selected from hydrido and methyl; wherein each of R_{11} and R_{12} is independently selected from hydrido, alkyl and phenyl; wherein m is zero; wherein n is a number selected from zero through three; wherein p is a number selected from one through three; and wherein q is zero or one; or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

18. The composition of Claim 17 wherein said renin-inhibiting compound is selected from compounds, their tautomers, and the pharmaceutically-acceptable esters and salts thereof, of the group consisting of







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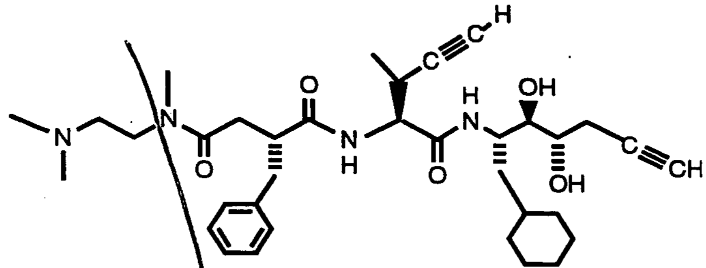
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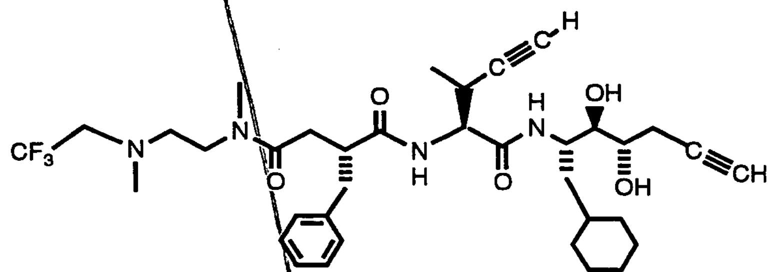
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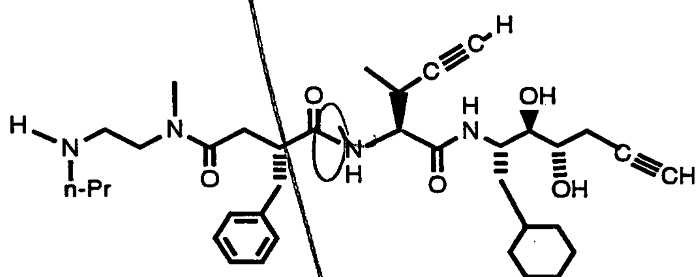
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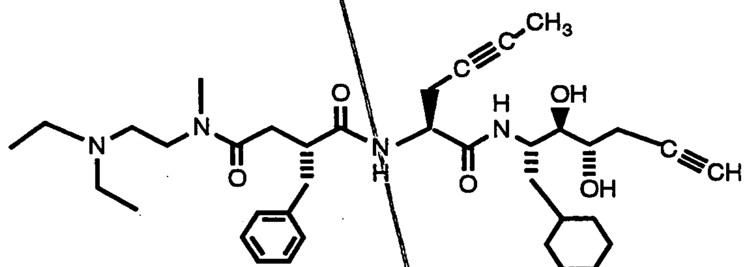
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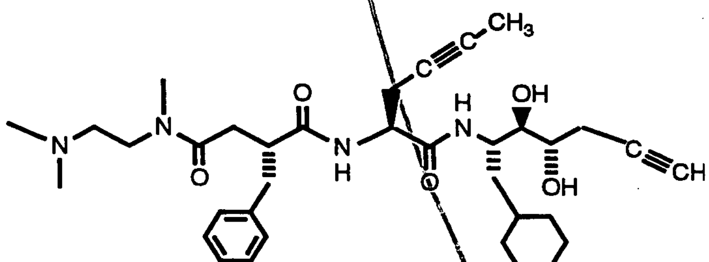
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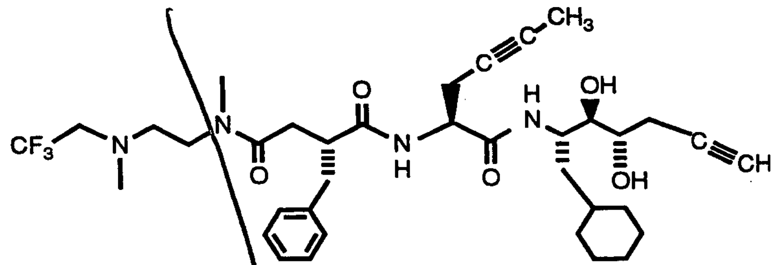
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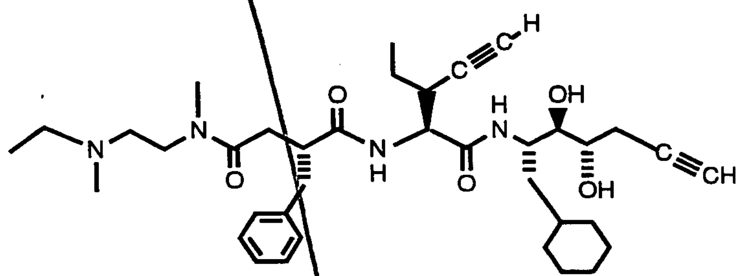

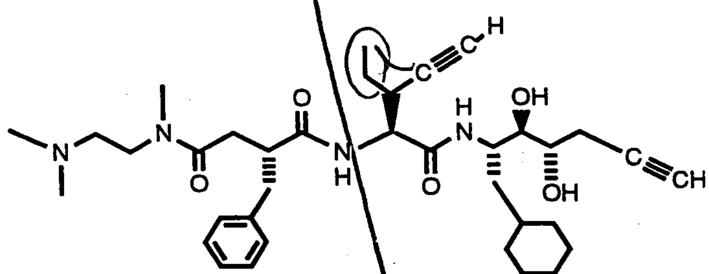

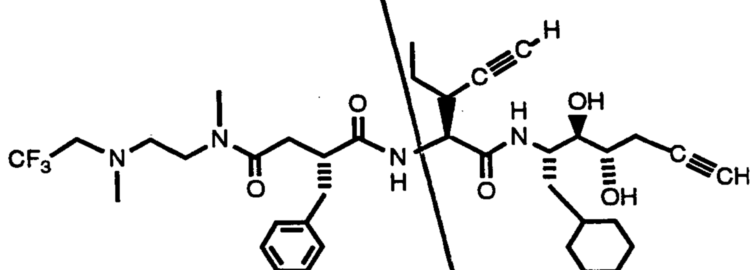

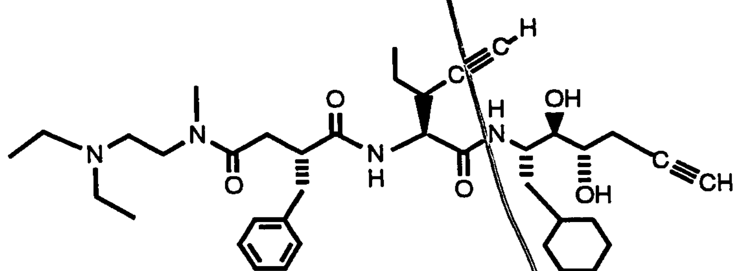

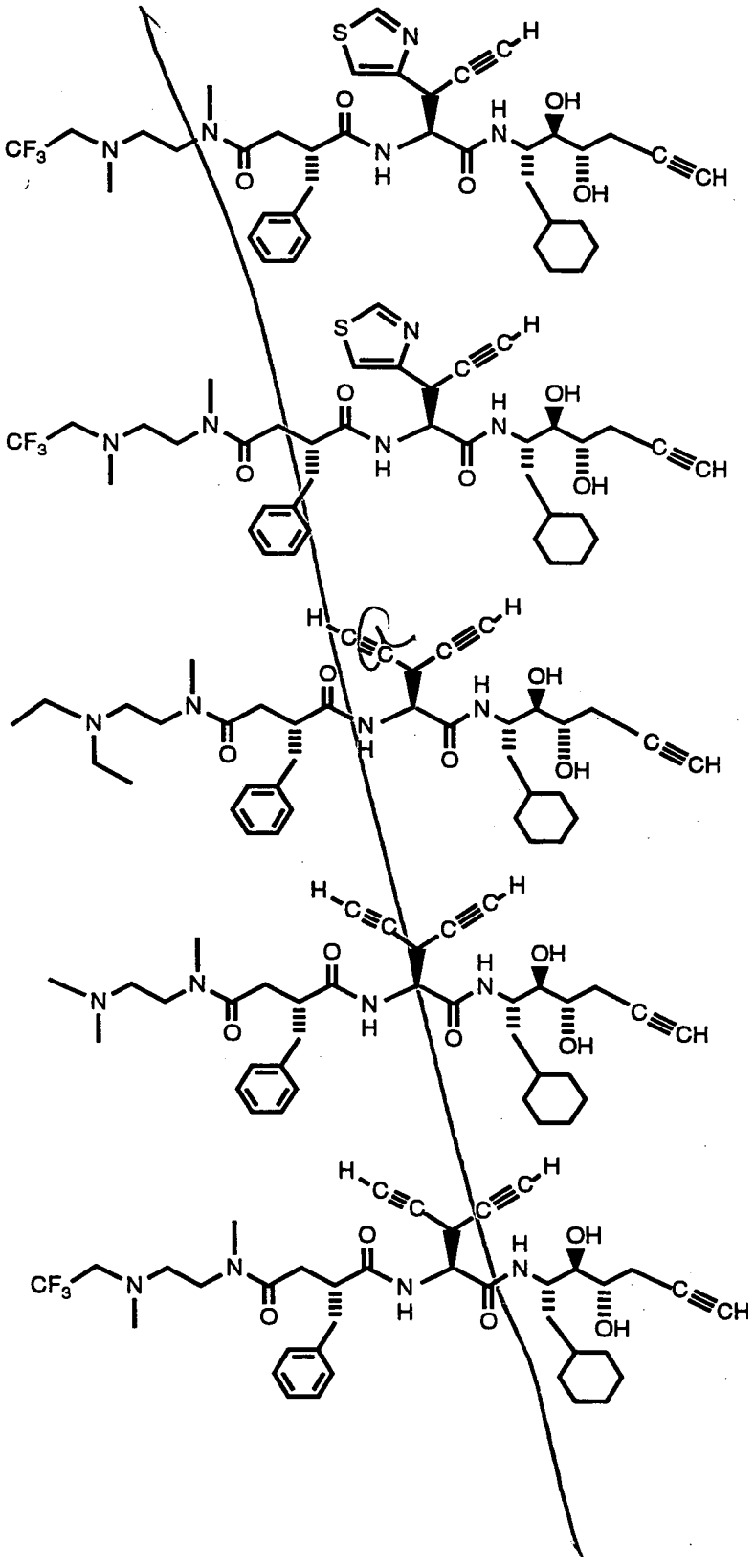

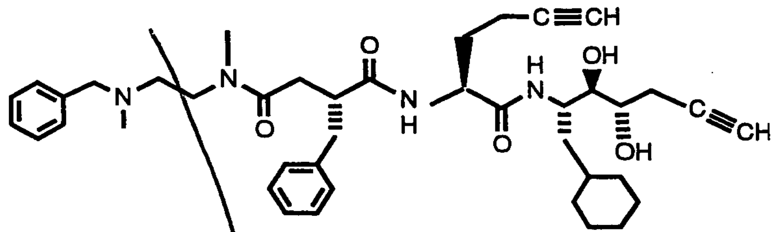

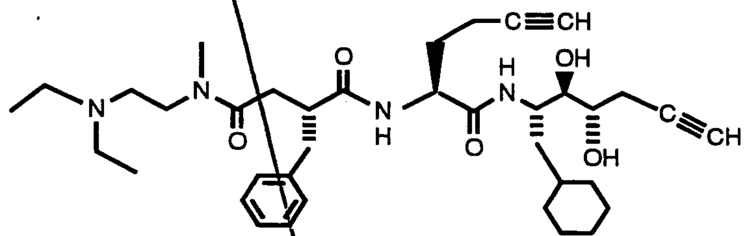

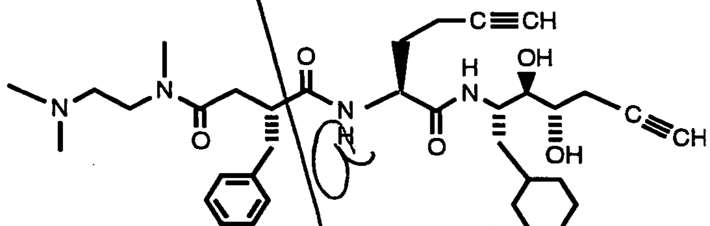

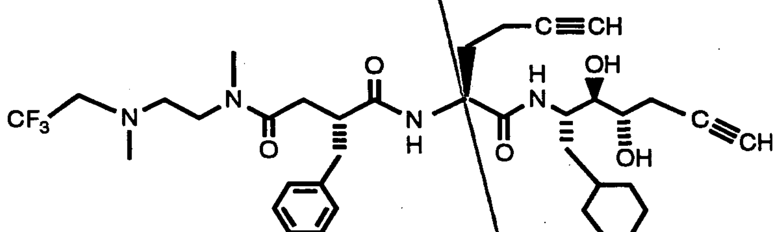

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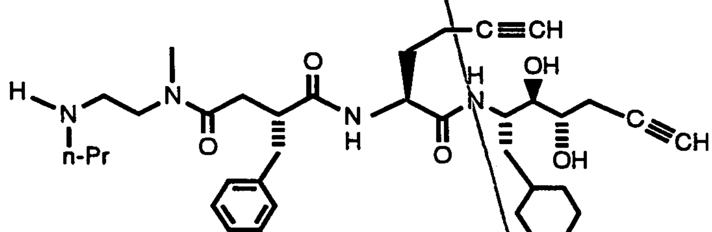

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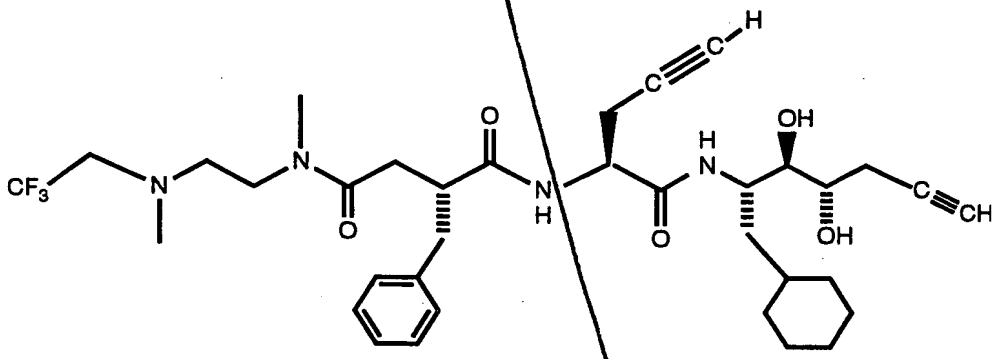
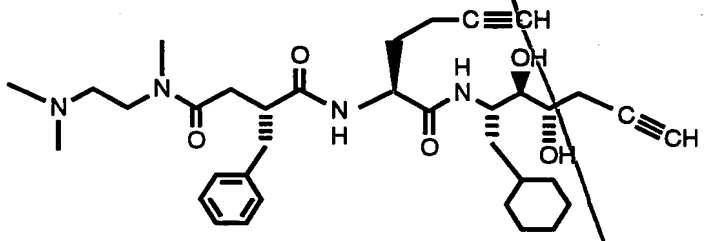
19. The composition of Claim 17 wherein said renin-inhibiting compound is N1-[1R*-[[[1S,1R*-(cyclohexylmethyl)-2S*,3R*-dihydroxy-hexynyl]amino]carbonyl]-3-butynyl]-N4-[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-N4-methyl-2S*-(phenylmethyl)butanediamide or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

20. The composition of Claim 17 wherein said renin-inhibiting compound is [1R*-[[[1R*-[[[1S,1R*-(cyclohexylmethyl)-2S*,3R*-dihydroxy-hexynyl]amino]carbonyl]-3-butynyl]amino]carbonyl]-2-phenylethyl)[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]methylcarbamate or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

21. The composition of Claim 17 wherein said renin-inhibiting compound is

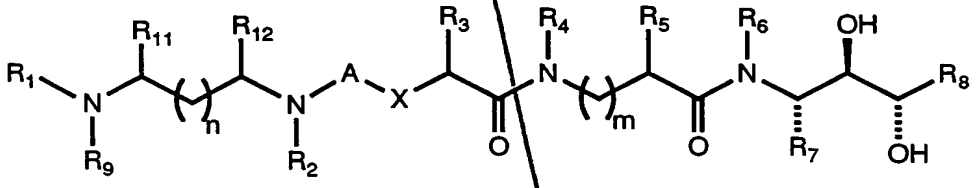


22. The composition of Claim 17 wherein said renin-inhibiting compound is



or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

23. A therapeutic method for treating a circulatory disorder or a circulatory-related disorder, said method comprising administering to a subject susceptible to or afflicted with such disorder a therapeutically-effective amount of an active compound of Formula I:



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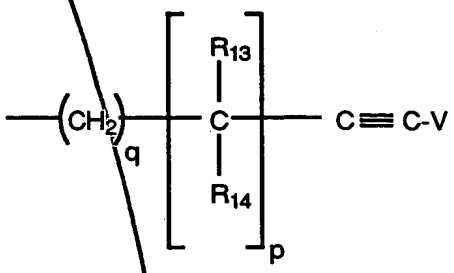
wherein A is selected from methylene, CO, SO and SO_2; wherein X is selected from oxygen atom, methylene and $>NR_{10}$ with R_{10} selected from hydrido, alkyl and benzyl; wherein each of R_1 and R_9 is a group independently selected from hydrido, alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkoxyacyl, haloalkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, benzyloxycarbonyl, loweralkanoyl, haloalkylacyl, phenyl, benzyl, naphthyl, and naphthylmethyl, any one of which groups having a substitutable position may be optionally substituted with one or more radicals selected from alkyl, alkoxy, alkenyl, alkynyl, halo, haloalkyl, cyano and phenyl, and wherein the nitrogen atom to which R_1 and R_9 are attached may be combined with oxygen to form an N-oxide; wherein R_2 is selected from hydrido, alkyl, dialkylaminoalkyl, alkylacylaminoalkyl, benzyl and cycloalkyl; wherein R_3 is selected from alkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, acylaminoalkyl, phenylalkyl, naphthylmethyl, aryl, heterocyclicalkyl and heterocycliccycloalkyl, wherein the cyclic portion of any of said phenylalkyl, naphthylmethyl, aryl, heterocyclicalkyl and heterocycliccycloalkyl groups may be substituted by one or more radicals selected from halo, hydroxy, alkoxy and alkyl; wherein each of R_4 and R_6 is independently selected from hydrido, alkyl, benzyl

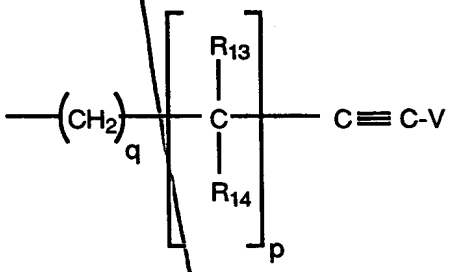
and cycloalkyl; wherein each of R_5 and R_8 is independently selected from



wherein V is selected from hydrido, alkyl, cycloalkyl, haloalkyl, benzyl and phenyl; wherein each of R_{13} and R_{14} is a radical independently selected from hydrido, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, phenyl, heterocyclic, heterocyclicalkyl and heterocycliccycloalkyl; wherein R_7 is selected from substituted or unsubstituted alkyl, cycloalkyl, phenyl, cycloalkylalkyl and phenylalkyl, any one of which may be substituted with one or more groups selected from alkyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, halo, haloalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl and cyano; wherein each of R_{11} and R_{12} is independently selected from hydrido, alkyl, haloalkyl, dialkylamino and phenyl; and wherein m is zero or one; wherein n is a number selected from zero through five; wherein p is a number selected from zero through five; and wherein q is a number selected from zero through five; or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

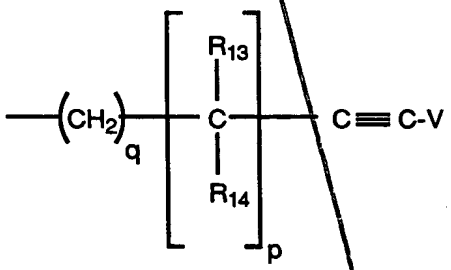
24. The method of Claim 23 wherein A is selected from methylene, CO, SO and SO_2; wherein X is selected from oxygen atom, methylene and $>NR_{10}$ with R_{10} selected from hydrido, alkyl and benzyl; wherein each of R_1 and R_9 is independently selected from hydrido, lower alkyl, haloalkyl, cycloalkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, benzyloxycarbonyl, loweralkanoyl, alkoxyacyl, phenyl and benzyl, and wherein the nitrogen atom to which R_1 and R_9 are attached may be combined with oxygen to form an

N-oxide; wherein each of R_2, R_4 and R_6 is independently selected from hydrido and alkyl; wherein R_3 is selected from phenylalkyl, naphthylmethyl, cyclohexylalkyl, cyclopentylalkyl, heteroarylalkyl and heteroarylcycloalkyl; wherein each of R_5 and R_8 is independently selected from



wherein V is selected from hydrido, alkyl, haloalkyl, benzyl and phenyl; wherein each of R_{13} and R_{14} is a radical independently selected from hydrido, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, heteroaryl, heteroarylalkyl and heteroarylcycloalkyl; wherein R_7 is selected from substituted or unsubstituted cyclohexylmethyl and benzyl, either one of which may be substituted with one or more groups selected from alkyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, halo and haloalkyl; wherein each of R_{11} and R_{12} is independently selected from hydrido, alkyl, dialkylamino and phenyl; wherein m is zero or one; wherein n is a number selected from zero through five; wherein p is a number selected from zero through five; and wherein q is a number selected from zero through five; or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

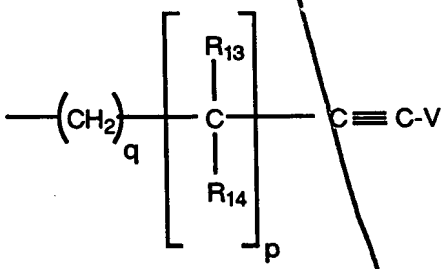
25. The method of Claim 24 wherein A is selected from methylene, CO, SO and SO_2; wherein X is selected from oxygen atom, methylene and $>NR_{10}$ with R_{10} selected from hyrido, alkyl and benzyl; wherein each of R_1 and R_9 is independently selected from hydrido, alkyl, alkoxyacyl, haloalkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, benzyloxycarbonyl and benzyl, and wherein the nitrogen atom to which R_1 and R_9 are attached may be combined with oxygen to form an N-oxide; wherein each of R_2, R_4 and R_6 is independently selected from hydrido and alkyl; wherein R_3 is selected from benzyl, phenethyl, cyclohexylmethyl, phenpropyl, pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, pyrrolidinylmethyl, piperidinylmethyl, pyrazolemethyl, pyrazoleethyl, pyridylmethyl, pyridylethyl, thiazolemethyl, thiazoleethyl, imidazolemethyl, imidazoleethyl, thienylmethyl, thienylethyl, furanylmethyl, furanylethyl, oxazolemethyl, oxazoleethyl, isoxazolemethyl, isoxazoleethyl, pyridazinemethyl, pyridazineethyl, pyrazinemethyl and pyrazineethyl; wherein each of R_5 and R_8 is independently selected from



wherein V is selected from hydrido, alkyl and haloalkyl; wherein each of R_{13} and R_{14} is a radical independently selected from hydrido, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, thiazole and thiazolemethyl; wherein R_7 is cyclohexylmethyl; wherein each of R_{11} and R_{12} is independently selected from hydrido, alkyl, dialkylamino and phenyl; wherein m is zero or one; wherein n is a number selected from zero through five; wherein p is a number selected from zero

through five; and wherein q is a number selected from zero through five; or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

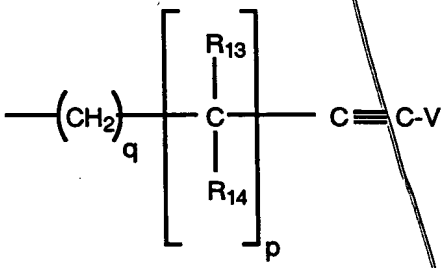
26. The method of Claim/25 wherein A is selected from CO and SO_2; wherein X is selected from oxygen atom, methylene and $>NR_{10}$ with R_{10} selected from hydrido and methyl; wherein each of R_1 and R_9 is independently selected from hydrido, lower alkyl, alkoxyacyl, alkoxycarbonyl, benzyloxycarbonyl, haloalkyl and benzyl, and wherein the nitrogen atom to which R_1 and R_9 are attached may be combined with oxygen to form an N-oxide; wherein R_2 is selected from hydrido, methyl, ethyl and isopropyl; wherein R_3 is selected from benzyl, phenethyl, cyclohexylmethyl, pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, pyrrolidinylmethyl, piperidinylmethyl, pyrazolemethyl, pyrazoleethyl, pyridylmethyl, pyridylethyl, thiazolemethyl, thiazoleethyl, imidazolemethyl, imidazoleethyl, thienylmethyl, thienylethyl, furanylmethyl, furanylethyl, oxazolemethyl, oxazoleethyl, isoxazolemethyl, isoxazoleethyl, pyridazinemethyl, pyridazineethyl, pyrazinemethyl and pyrazineethyl; wherein each of R_4 and R_6 is independently selected from hydrido and methyl; wherein each of R_5 and R_8 is independently selected from



wherein V is selected from hydrido, alkyl and trifluoromethyl; wherein each of R_{13} and R_{14} is a radical independently selected from hydrido, alkyl and alkynyl; wherein R_7 is cyclohexylmethyl; wherein each of

R_{11} and R_{12} is independently selected from hydrido, alkyl, dialkylamino and phenyl; wherein m is zero; wherein n is a number selected from zero through five; wherein p is a number selected from zero through five; and wherein q is a number selected from zero through five; or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

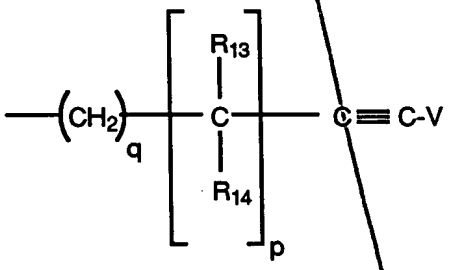
27. The method of Claim 26 wherein A is selected from CO and SO_2; wherein X is selected from oxygen atom and methylene; wherein each of R_1 and R_9 is independently selected from hydrido, methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, benzyl, b, b, b-trifluoroethyl, t-butyloxycarbonyl and methoxymethylcarbonyl, and wherein the nitrogen atom to which R_1 and R_9 are attached may be combined with oxygen to form an N-oxide; wherein R_2 is selected from hydrido, methyl, ethyl and isopropyl; wherein R_3 is selected from benzyl, cyclohexylmethyl, phenethyl, pyrazolemethyl, pyrazoleethyl, pyridylmethyl, pyridylethyl, thiazolemethyl, thiazoleethyl, imidazolemethyl, imidazoleethyl, thienylmethyl, thienylethyl, furanylmethyl, furanylethyl, oxazolemethyl, oxazoleethyl, isoxazolemethyl, isoxazoleethyl, pyridazinemethyl, pyridazineethyl, pyrazinemethyl and pyrazineethyl; wherein each of R_5 and R_8 is independently selected from



wherein V is selected from hydrido, alkyl and trifluoromethyl; wherein each of R_{13} and R_{14} is a radical independently selected from hydrido, methyl, ethyl, propyl and ethynyl; wherein R_7 is

cyclohexylmethyl; wherein each of R_4 and R_6 is independently selected from hydrido and methyl; wherein each of R_{11} and R_{12} is independently selected from hydrido, alkyl, dialkylamino and phenyl; wherein m is zero; wherein n is a number selected from zero through five; wherein p is a number selected from zero through five; and wherein q is a number selected from zero through five; or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

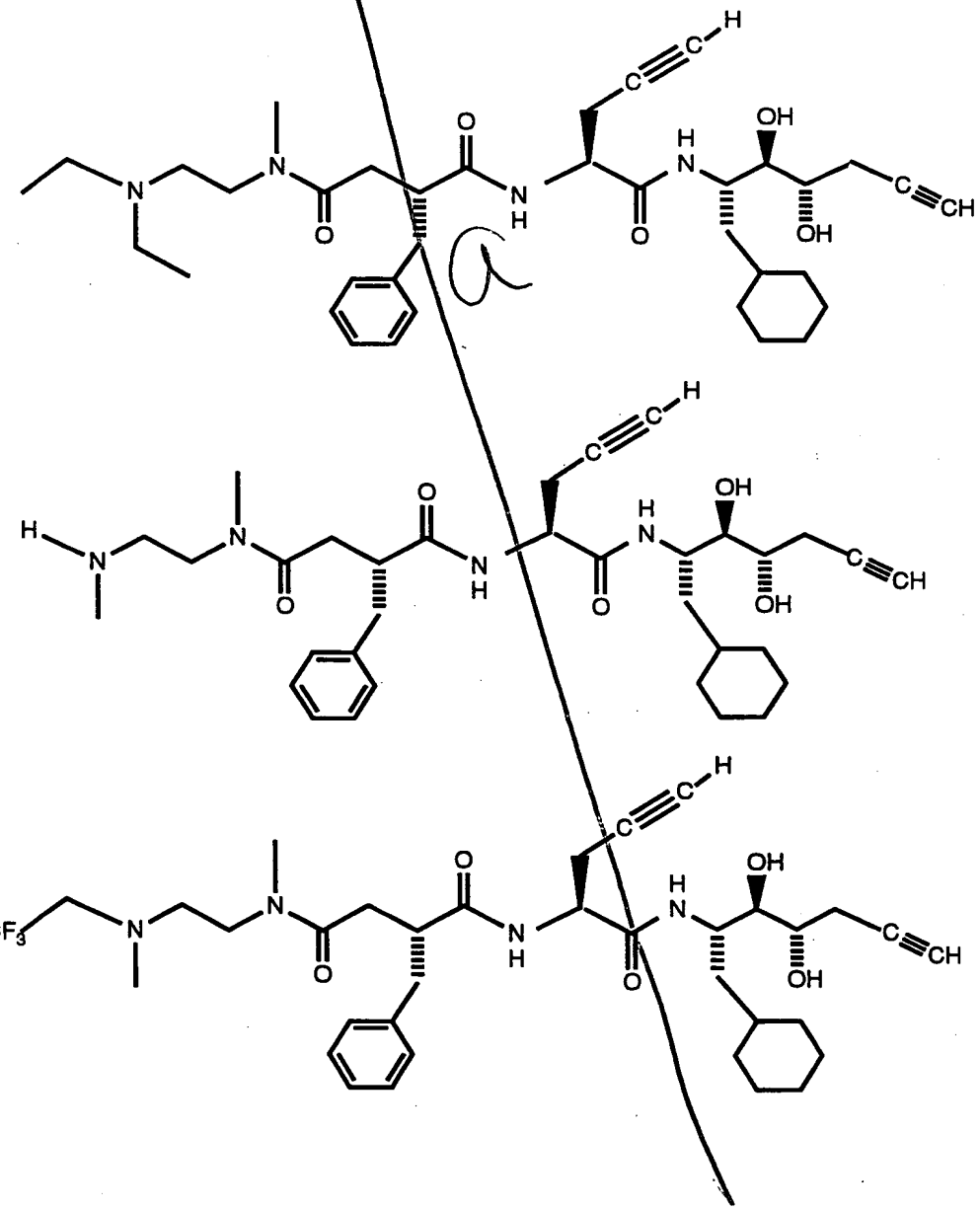
28. The method of Claim 27 wherein A is selected from CO and SO_2; wherein X is selected from oxygen atom and methylene; wherein each of R_1 and R_9 is a group independently selected from hydrido, methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, benzyl, b, b, b-trifluoroethyl, t-butyloxycarbonyl and methoxymethylcarbonyl, and wherein the nitrogen atom to which R_1 and R_9 are attached may be combined with oxygen to form an N-oxide; wherein R_2 is selected from hydrido, methyl, ethyl and isopropyl; wherein R_3 is selected from benzyl, cyclohexylmethyl, phenethyl, imidazolemethyl, pyridylmethyl and 2-pyridylethyl; wherein each of R_5 and R_8 is independently selected from

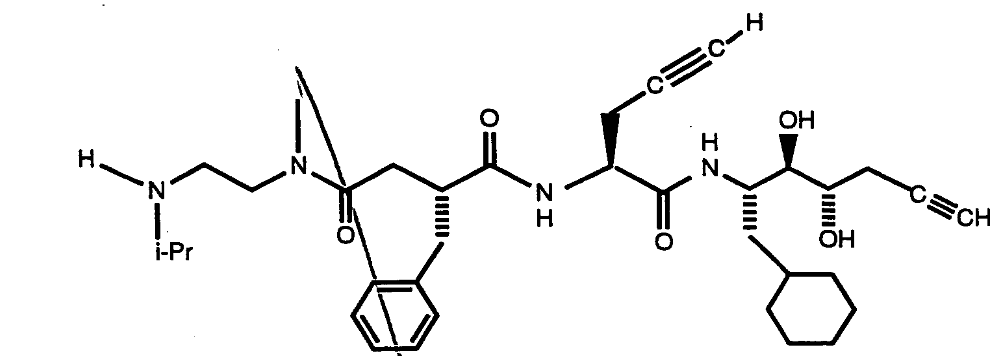


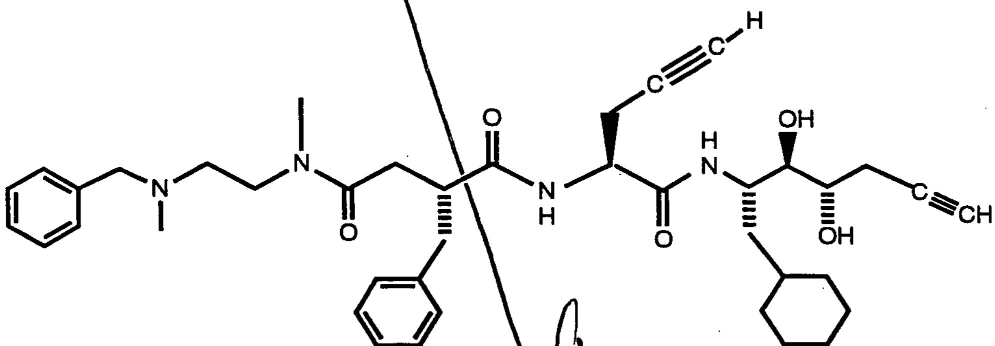
wherein V is selected from hydrido, alkyl and trifluoromethyl; wherein each of R_{13} and R_{14} is a radical independently selected from hydrido, methyl and ethynyl; wherein R_7 is cyclohexylmethyl; wherein each of R_4 and R_6 is independently selected from hydrido and methyl; wherein each of R_{11} and R_{12} is independently selected from hydrido, alkyl and phenyl; wherein m is

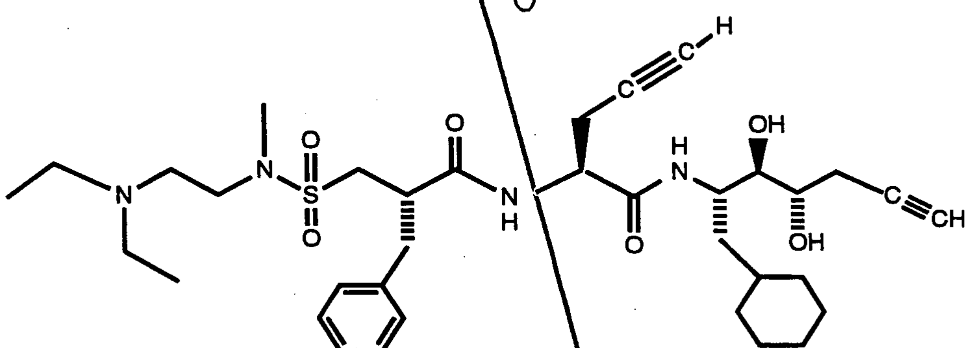
zero; wherein n is a number selected from zero through three; wherein p is a number selected from one through three; and wherein q is zero or one; or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

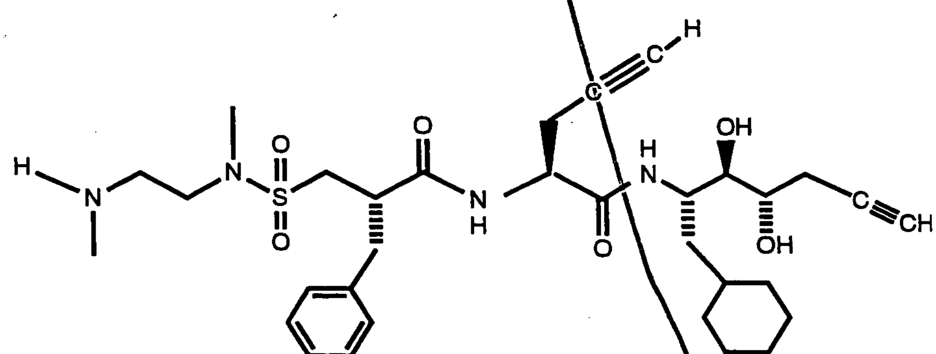
29. The method of Claim 28 wherein said compound is selected from compounds, their tautomers, and the pharmaceutically-acceptable esters and salts thereof, of the group consisting of

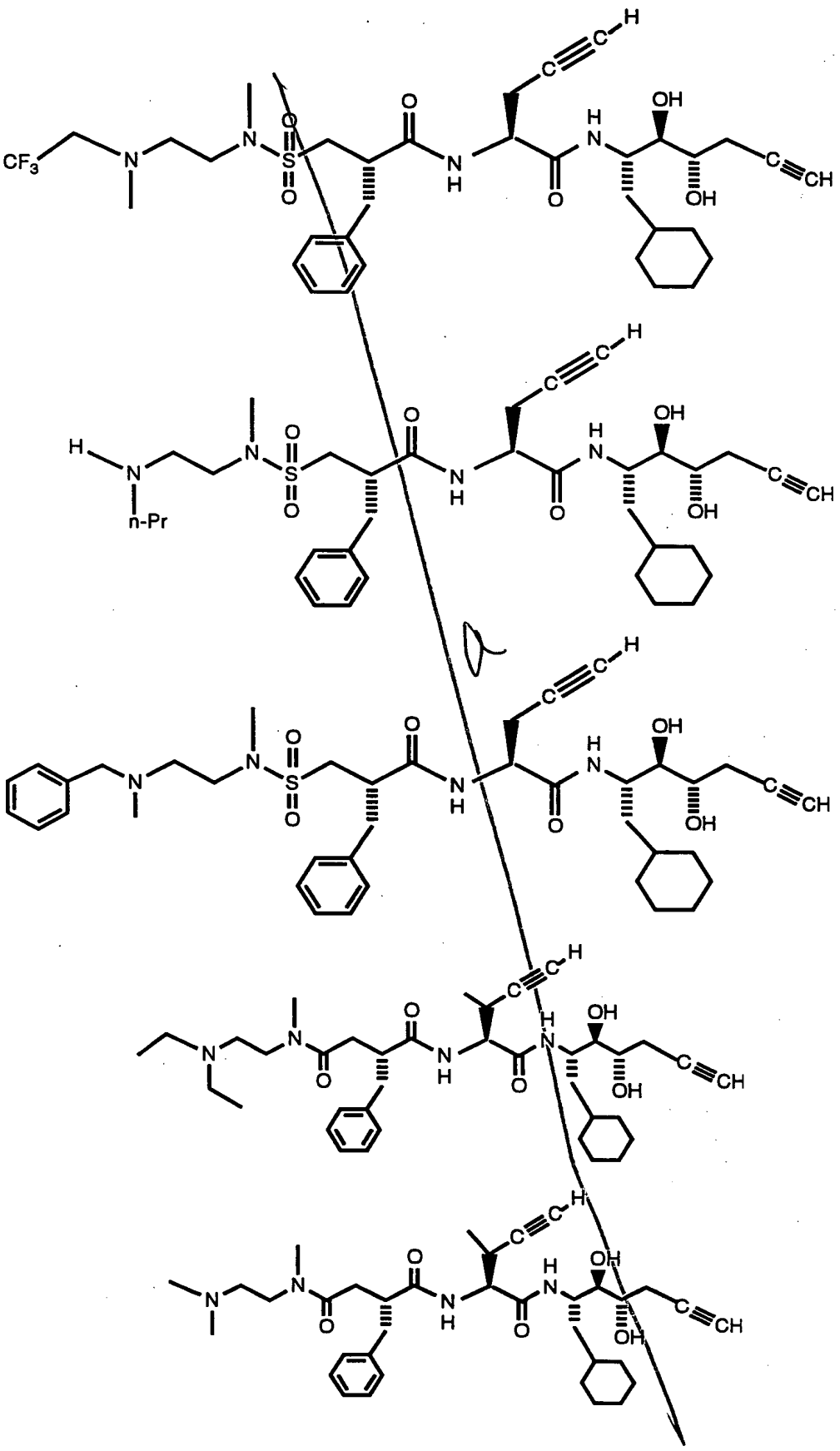


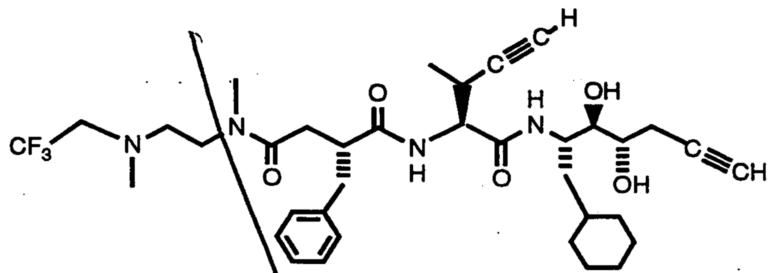


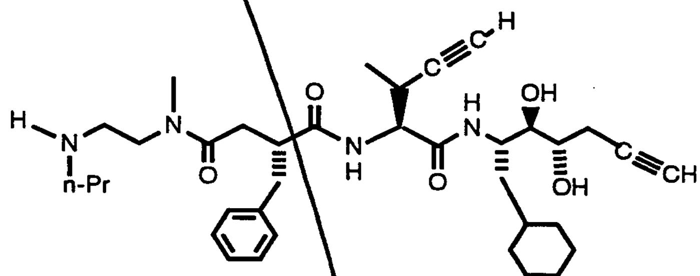


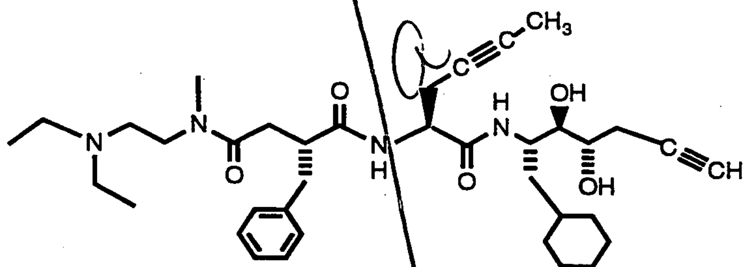


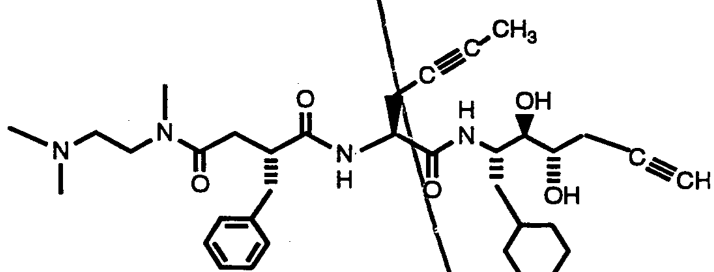


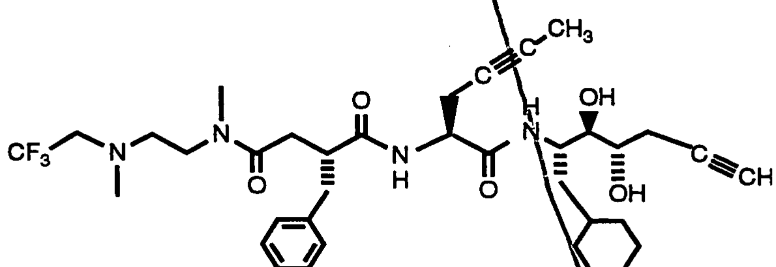


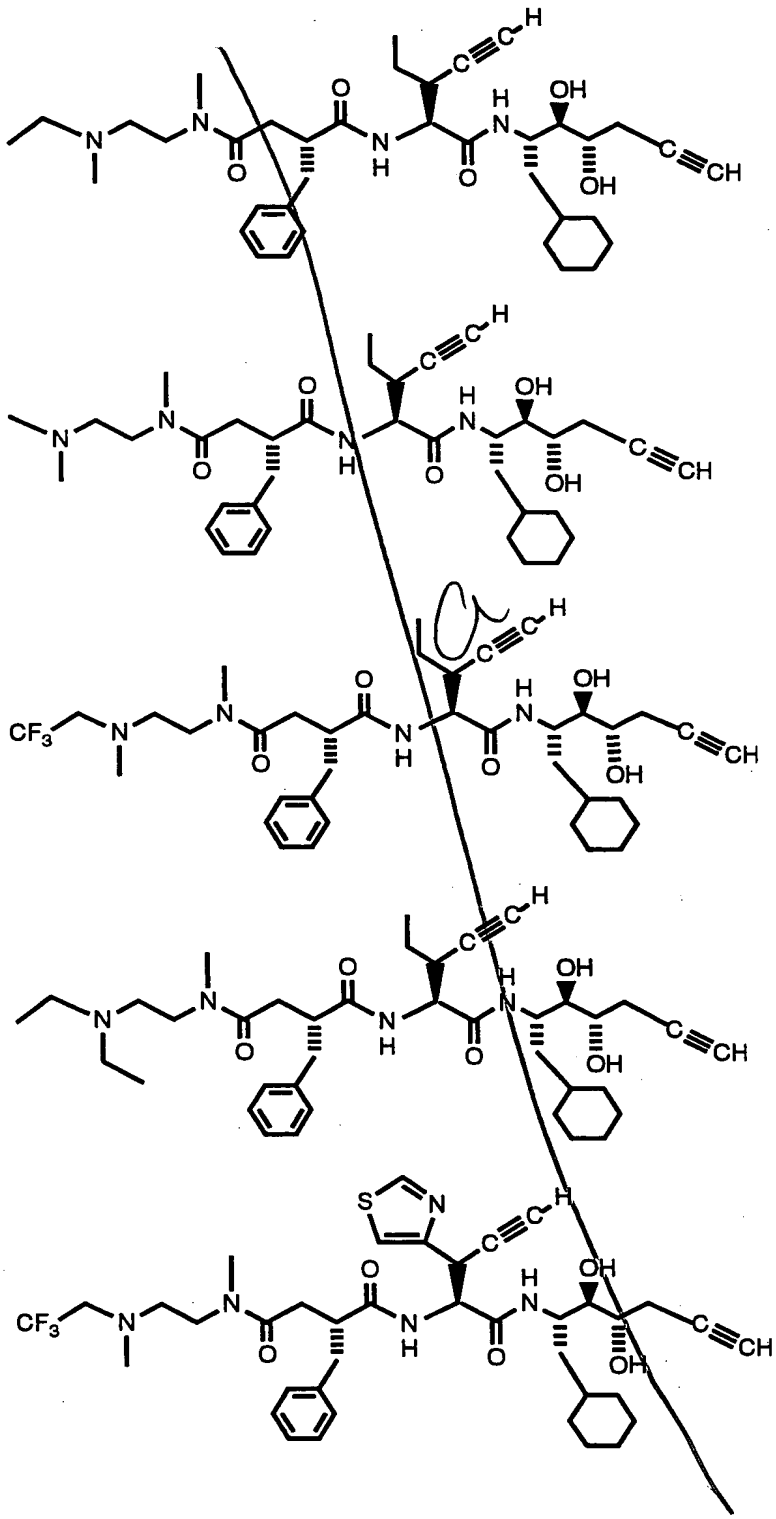


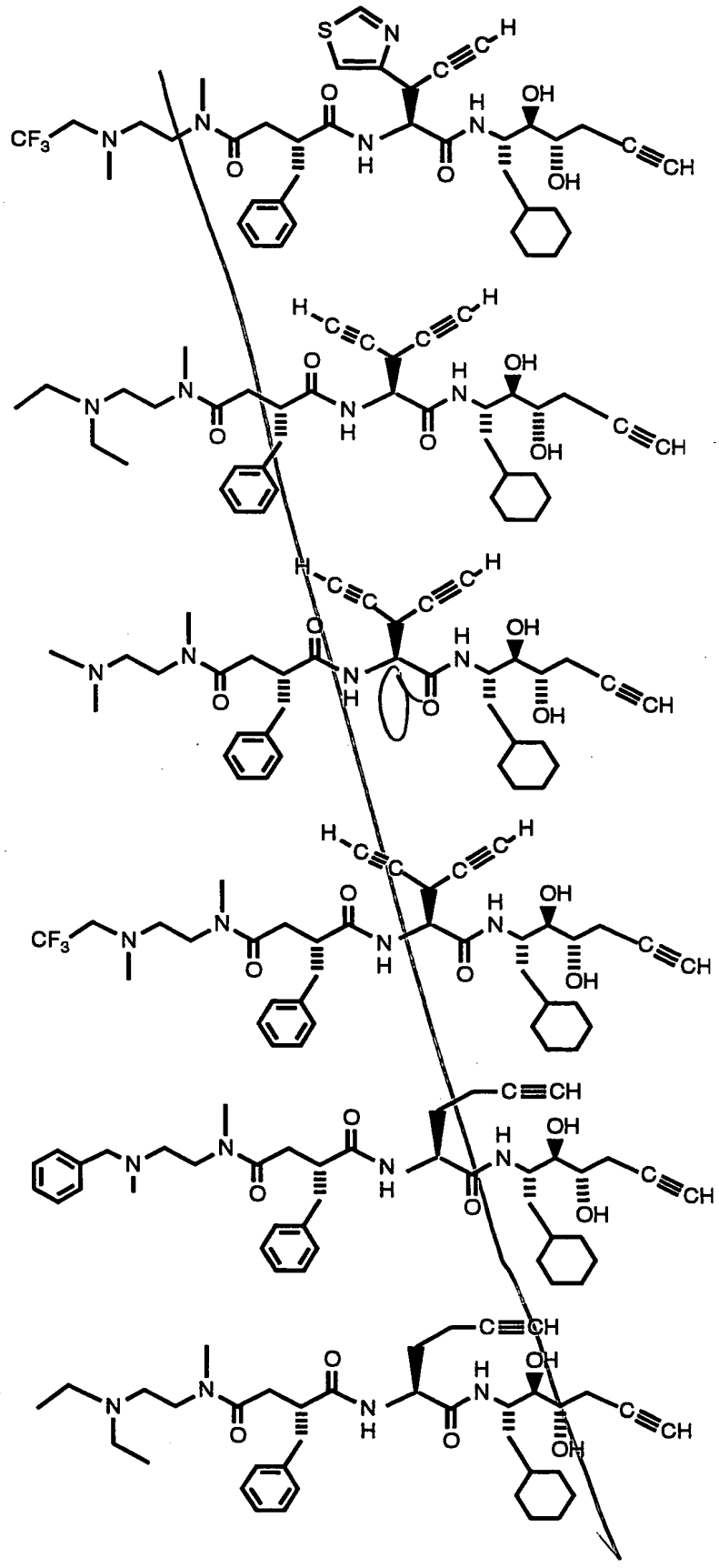


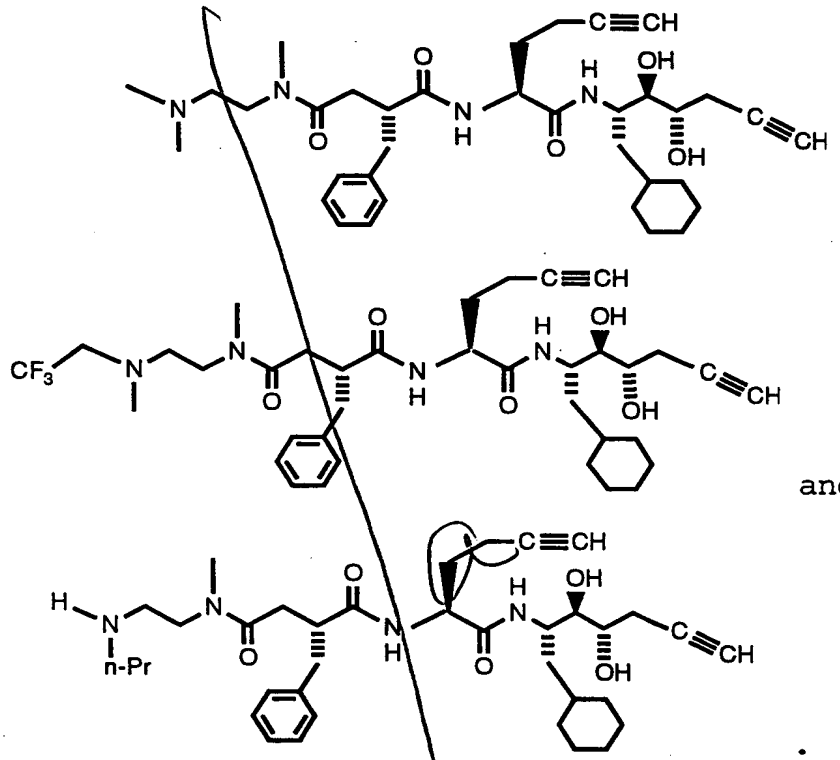










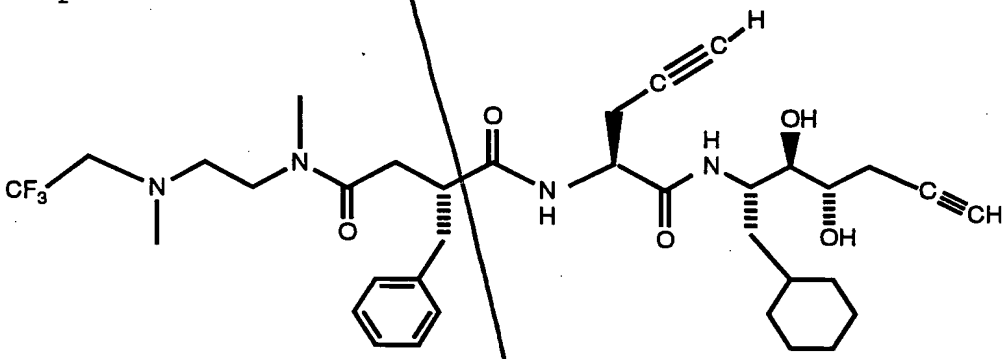


and

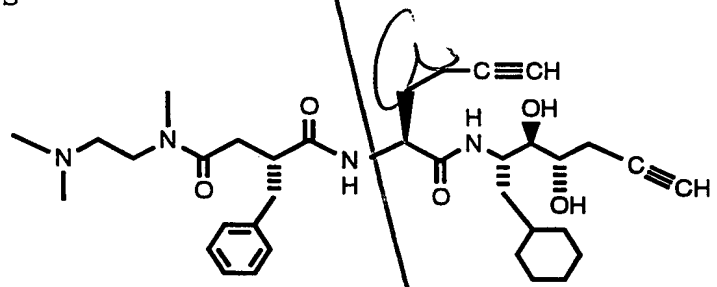
30. The method of Claim 28 wherein said compound is N1-[1R*-[[[1S,1R*-(cyclohexylmethyl)-2S*,3R*-dihydroxy-hexynyl]amino]carbonyl]-3-butynyl]-N4-[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-N4-methyl-2S*-(phenylmethyl)butanediamide or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

31. The method of Claim 28 wherein said compound is [1R*-[[[1R*-[[[1S,1R*-(cyclohexylmethyl)-2S*,3R*-dihydroxy-hexynyl]amino]carbonyl]-3-butynyl]amino]carbonyl]-2-phenylethyl][2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]methylcarbamate or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

32. The method of Claim 28 wherein said compound is



33. The method of Claim 28 wherein said compound is



or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

34. The method of Claim 23 wherein said circulatory disorder is a cardiovascular disorder.

35. The method of Claim 34 wherein said cardiovascular disorder is hypertension.

36. The method of Claim 23 wherein said circulatory-related disorder is glaucoma.